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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### VISIT TO U.S.

IN some ways it is unfortunate that the announcement of Mr. Macmillan's visit to Washington coincides with Syrian-provoked tension in the Middle East, and although officials in London make a point of stressing that the talks with Mr. Eisenhower are not regarded in any way as inspired by "emergency or crisis", the very fact that the Western world's Big Two are to meet at this time cannot help but lend gravity to events in the Middle East.

Also Syria will be one of the chief topics of discussion. Washington officials obviously anticipate that the timing of the announcement will provoke alarm and are now telling correspondents that the meeting was "in the offing" sometime last week. Cables also make clear that the Premier could not leave the country at the same time as the Queen who is now in America.

### UNAVOIDABLE

THE Western world may thus be convinced that while the timing of the announcement was regrettable, it was perhaps unavoidable. Syria's phony crisis was unforeseen. Alarms may regard as a smokescreen Mr. Macmillan's declaration that he is going to America to discuss world problems which cause active concern to both of us, but serious observers will acknowledge that much has occurred since the Bermuda conference in March that requires discussion between the two leaders.

For example, talks on the Middle East will not be confined to Syria but are likely to include the obvious swing of Arab feeling away from the West and possible measures to combat Soviet inroads in this area. Russia now has a good fingerhold on Syria and is consolidating a thumbhold on Egypt; what the West has to prevent is an extension of this formidable grip.

### CO-OPERATION

COMMENTATORS believe that another subject likely to be high on the Big Two agenda is a discussion of the new position of prestige from which the Soviet Union has been making its propaganda statements since the firing of a long-range ballistic missile and the launching of the satellite. It is expected Mr. Macmillan will inform President Eisenhower of Britain's readiness and desire to co-operate more extensively in the future with the United States in the scientific field.

It is worthwhile recalling in this respect that there is today more fertile ground for such a development. Mr. Dulles told reporters on Wednesday that the present United States law which prevented closer co-operation with its allies on nuclear and other matters was now obsolete. Nevertheless only Congress has power to change the law. President Eisenhower may set such a process in motion in January, it is thought. This would remove one of the biggest obstacles to an interchange of scientific information.

But the most important reason why the meeting is being held was best stated yesterday by President Eisenhower when he welcomed the Queen in Washington: "We thoroughly believe that in the warmer, closer, stronger co-operation between your country and ours lies the best hope for the security and peace of the world."

# Prime Minister Flies To Washington Next Week MACMILLAN TO TALK WITH IKE

## NOT A CRISIS MOVE

## SAYS GOVT SPOKESMAN

MACMILLAN

EISENHOWER

London, Oct. 17. Mr. Harold Macmillan, Britain's Prime Minister, will fly to Washington next Tuesday for talks on world problems with President Eisenhower, it was announced here tonight. The meeting takes place as events in the Middle East are again becoming critical, with Russia alleging that Turkey is preparing to attack Syria, and Turkey and the West firmly denying this. But Government quarters here were at pains tonight to emphasise that the Prime Minister's visit to Washington is not an emergency or "crisis" move.

They said this will be the last convenient time for Mr. Macmillan to have a meeting with President Eisenhower before the House of Commons reassembles on October 29.

A new session of Parliament opens in November. In the New Year Mr. Macmillan is embarking on a Commonwealth tour of India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Australia and New Zealand. The Middle East was not mentioned in the announcement by Mr. Macmillan tonight, which said: "President Eisen-

hower and I have agreed that I should pay a brief visit to Washington next week to discuss world problems which are of active concern to both of us."

"The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, is now in the United States where he has already been meeting with the Secretary of State, Mr. Foster Dulles, and of course they will join the President and myself in the talks."

"This meeting will be in the tradition of the many talks which have taken place between our two governments."

"I expect that this meeting will be one of several which we will have with our American friends, and with other friendly governments in the coming months."

The White House later released the following statement by the President: "I welcome the visit of the British Prime Minister to Washington next week. It will provide an opportunity for me for useful talks with an old and trusted friend."

### Queen's Assent

Washington, Oct. 17. Queen Elizabeth approved the announcement of the meeting next week between President Eisenhower and Mr. Harold Macmillan a few minutes after she arrived at the White House today for her State visit, it was disclosed tonight—Reuter.

"Mr. Macmillan's visit reflects the practice of free nations to consult as often as circumstances require."

"I hope that there will soon be occasions when I and my colleagues can meet with leaders of other free countries associated with the United States for similar discussions."

### Scope Of Talks

Authoritative sources said the scope of the talks would be wide. While obviously the latest developments in Syria and the Middle East would be discussed, these developments were not the sole cause of Mr. Macmillan's visit.

Russia's latest scientific achievements would probably be discussed. So would the possibility of a greater exchange of information between Britain and America on nuclear weapons.

Mr. Macmillan tonight informed Mr. Hugh Gaitskill, leader of the Opposition Labour Party, of his forthcoming visit. He also told the Commonwealth Prime Ministers—Reuter.

## 'Sputnik' In A Refuse Dump?

Nevelles, South Belgium, Oct. 17. Hoaxers telephoned the Brussels Royal Observatory and police last night to say that the Russian satellite had landed in a refuse dump near here. Police who rushed to the spot found a metal sphere with four aerials protruding. It weighed 55 kilograms (about 121 lbs) just a little more than the weight of the "Red moon" (83.6 kilograms). Suspecting a joke, police unscrewed a small trapdoor and out tumbled dozens of old radio valves and batteries. Attempts to trace the hoaxers have so far failed, police announced.—China Mail Special.

## RADIO CYPRUS BOMBED DURING A BROADCAST

Nicosia, Oct. 17. The Government-controlled Cyprus Broadcasting station's transmitter was blown up by a bomb tonight putting the station out of action.

An official spokesman announced that two more unexploded bombs had been found at the station.

An official statement earlier denied that there had been an explosion, and a fire at the station which went off the air suddenly in the middle of a Greek-language news broadcast.

### RAF STATION

Earlier tonight, twin explosions disabled two power transformers at the Royal Air Force base adjoining Nicosia airport and plunged the base into darkness.

Air Force officials said they could not rule out sabotage but the explosions were "almost certainly due to overloading." The first official report on the radio blackout said the interruption was due to an electrical fault, but a later official report said it was "impossible to indicate the cause of the trouble" until technical experts had investigated.

### DANGEROUS

A policeman at the gate said no one could enter the building until the bomb disposal squad arrived. "The building is dangerous and the squad must search it first," he said. There were no casualties.—Reuter.

## RADIOACTIVE DUST OVER ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE

## Britain's Atomic Pile Closed

Windscale, Cumberland, Oct. 17. Sir William Penney, Britain's atomic weapons chief, today ordered the closure of the second atomic pile at the plutonium plant here, bringing production to a standstill.

The number one pile at Windscale—where plutonium "cartridges" are made for Britain's atomic and hydrogen bombs—has been closed since an accident last Thursday. The accident, caused by overheating in the pile, released an unknown quantity of radioactive dust into the surrounding countryside.

### Inquiry

Sir William Penney is one of a four-man Committee of Inquiry into the mishap which has led to the banning of all milk produced within an area of 200 square miles.

A spokesman for the Atomic Energy Authority said tonight that the closure had been ordered so as to have available for inspection a reactor in exactly similar condition to the one in which the mishap occurred.

The second reactor would remain closed for as long as the Committee of Inquiry thought necessary.

### "Nothing Wrong"

There was "nothing" wrong with the second pile, the spokesman stressed, but the closure meant that for the time being no more plutonium would be created at Windscale.

Other sections of the plant at Windscale were continuing to deal normally with irradiated fuels from nearby Calder Hall, the nuclear power station.

Sir William Penney and his colleagues worked all day investigating last week's accident. Reporters at the plant were told that no statement would be issued during the inquiry which would last several days.

The findings would be sent to Mr. Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, in about three weeks' time and a public statement would be made after that.

About 1,200 men employed by contractors on building new reactors at Calder Hall turned up in full force today, and appeared to be satisfied with assurances that there was no danger from radiation on the site.

A Ministry of Agriculture officer working in the area said that today's heavy rain would help to decontaminate vegetation in the 200 square miles where the sale of milk has been banned.

### Milk Sales

In the meantime, milk retailers in the area are suffering considerable financial losses. Many housewives are still refusing to buy liquid milk, although it is imported from "clean" areas.

At Whitehaven Auction Mart today, the first held since the ban was imposed, the price of fat cattle fell by a shilling a hundredweight—Reuter.

### BENTAZKY DIES

Zurich, Oct. 17. Ralph Bentazky, composer of the musical comedy "White Horse Inn" and many other successful operettas and popular songs, died in a clinic here yesterday, it was learned today. He was 73 and had lived in Switzerland for some years.—China Mail Special.

## Queen Speaks To Press "—IGNORANCE BREEDS FEAR AND SUSPICION"

Washington, Oct. 17. Queen Elizabeth told hundreds of foreign and American journalists here tonight that the rest of Europe's negotiations might not be giving them enough time for reflection as they reported the news. "Moreover, your readers, as their interests widen, demand more background to the news about more intricate subjects," she added in a speech at a reception held in her honour by the joint committee of Press, Radio and Television correspondents here.

"The people of the United States and the peoples of the Commonwealth cannot visit each other nearly as often as they would wish, and ignorance breeds fear and suspicion."

"But each year modern techniques of communications bring them closer and closer to each other," she added. Meanwhile, American television and newspaper commentators said today that the Queen showed signs of fatigue after her gruelling programme of receptions, state ceremonies and sightseeing in Ottawa and Williamsburg.

The New York Times correspondent also reported the Queen looked "tired and a little strained," and the New York Post quoted one Virginia woman as saying it was "absolutely cruel" what they're making the poor girl go through.—Reuter.

## In Saturday's China Mail

Among the features in tomorrow's Weekend Mail...

★ Britannia and the Comet — is it foolish to be first? By TOM POCCOCK.

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## US NAVY TO VISIT TURKISH PORT

Washington, Oct. 17. A unit of the United States Sixth Fleet, including the guided missile cruiser Canberra, is to call at Izmir, Turkey, the Navy announced today.

The unit is one of several into which the Fleet has been split after recent training exercises in the East-central Mediterranean. Other units will pay calls at friendly ports in the Eastern part of the Mediterranean, including Valencia, Crete and the Greek island of Rhodes.

Meanwhile, Syrian troops distributed arms to villagers along the Turkish border today, but official sources discounted rumors that the Army was to be mobilised to meet an alleged invasion threat.

Press reports earlier today said the government would decide whether or not to mobilise the Army at this afternoon's Cabinet meeting. But informed sources said such a move was unlikely.—Reuter and United Press.

## HAN SUI-YIN'S NEW BOOK

Singapore, Oct. 17. Han Sui-yin, of "Lotus is a Many Splendoured Thing" fame, said on returning here from a visit to China that she is writing a book on China, for which she has been collecting material for some years. She said: "China is doing fine, much better than people think." She revealed that her book on Nepal, for Columbia films, is nearing completion. She said it was three times longer than originally intended.—France-Press.

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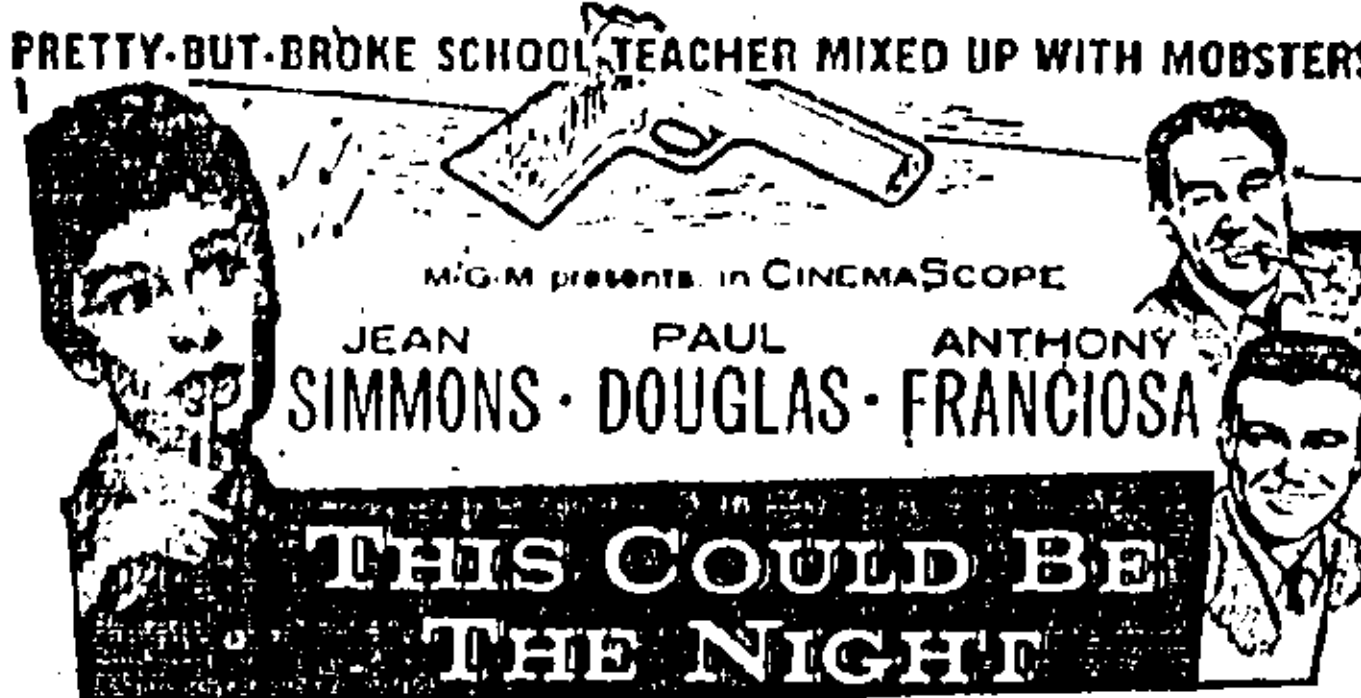
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# Pinay Completes Cabinet

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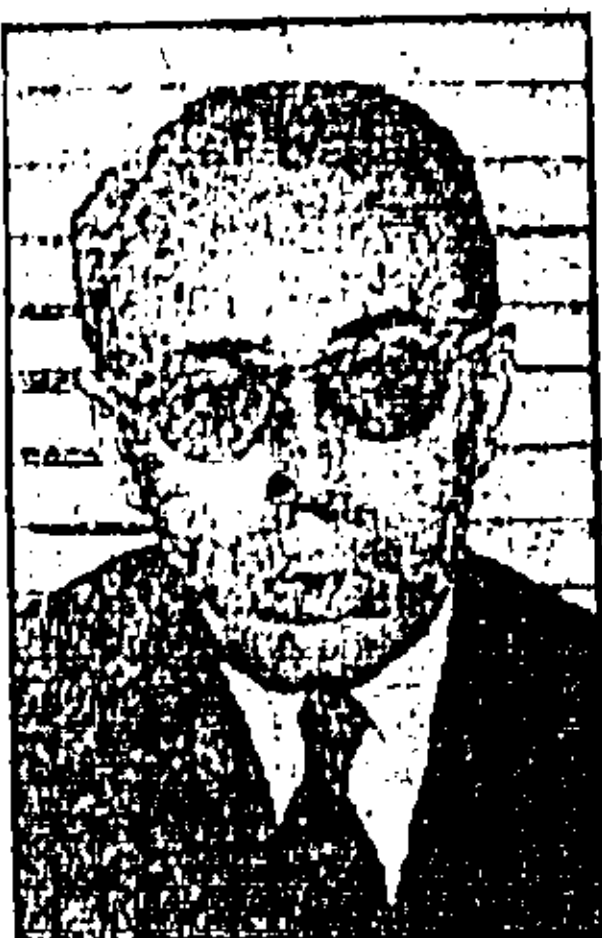
Paris, Oct. 17. French Premier-designate, Antoine Pinay, today completed the Cabinet list, which he will present to the National Assembly tomorrow in a bid for investiture as head of France's 24th postwar government.

Political circles indicated the former Premier's chances of obtaining a favourable vote were slim, even with the probable support of the extreme right Poujadist party.

The votes of the mainly Catholic MRP Party will be decisive in determining whether Pinay will succeed in heading the first right-centre government since the Geneva conference on Indo-China in 1954.

The positions already announced by the main parties would make it impossible for Pinay to gather sufficient votes for his investiture unless he rallied additional support during the parliamentary debate.

With the Socialists showing a strong tendency to vote against Pinay, it was thought that the MRP might abstain in order to avoid breaking with the Socialist Party, thus spelling defeat for Pinay.



M. PINAY

## PI Angry Over Attack On Laurel

Manila, Oct. 17. The US Embassy today denied that any one of its officials was behind the publication of a story in the current issue of Newsweek magazine saying that Speaker Jose B. Laurel Jr. symbolised "political corruption and deterioration" in the Philippines.

Dispatches quoted here on Wednesday quoted the American publication as saying Laurel symbolised "something deep-reaching and alarming—a wave of political corruption and deterioration that has swept over the Philippines since President Ramon Magsaysay's death."

Today an Embassy spokesman said he had been authorized by Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen to state that attribution to "US diplomatic observers in the Philippines" of views concerning the Speaker was "completely unfounded."

### NO CORRESPONDENT

"So far as the Embassy is aware," the spokesman said, "no correspondent or representative of Newsweek has been in Manila in recent months and certainly none has been in touch with any member of this Embassy."

"Every United States official in the Philippines has scrupulously refrained and will continue to refrain from any public comment on any candidate in the Philippine election," he added.

Laurel is the vice-presidential running mate of President Carlos P. Garcia in the November 12 elections.

Eulogio Rodriguez demanded an investigation into what he called a "scurrilous attack" by the magazine on the Philippine's No. 4 official.—United Press.

### Amenable

Political circles pointed out, however, that the composition of Pinay's Cabinet, which has not yet been officially announced, and his policy statement to the Assembly could influence groups unwilling to participate in his government but amenable to supporting his programme.

In view of the prolonged crisis, it was believed the Socialists might also consider working with a seasoned parliamentarian like Schuman.

Pinay's bid, even if it failed, would thus have contributed to hastening the end of the crisis and finding a solution.—France-Press.

## Presentation To The Queen

Washington, Oct. 17. President Eisenhower plans to give Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother a collection of British headquarters papers formerly stored in colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, it was learned today.

Informed sources said Winston Churchill, who helped finance the restoration of Williamsburg, paid \$400,000 for the papers and spent \$25,000 more for binding and preservation.

They were turned over to the government recently as a gift for the Queen. It was learned.—United Press.

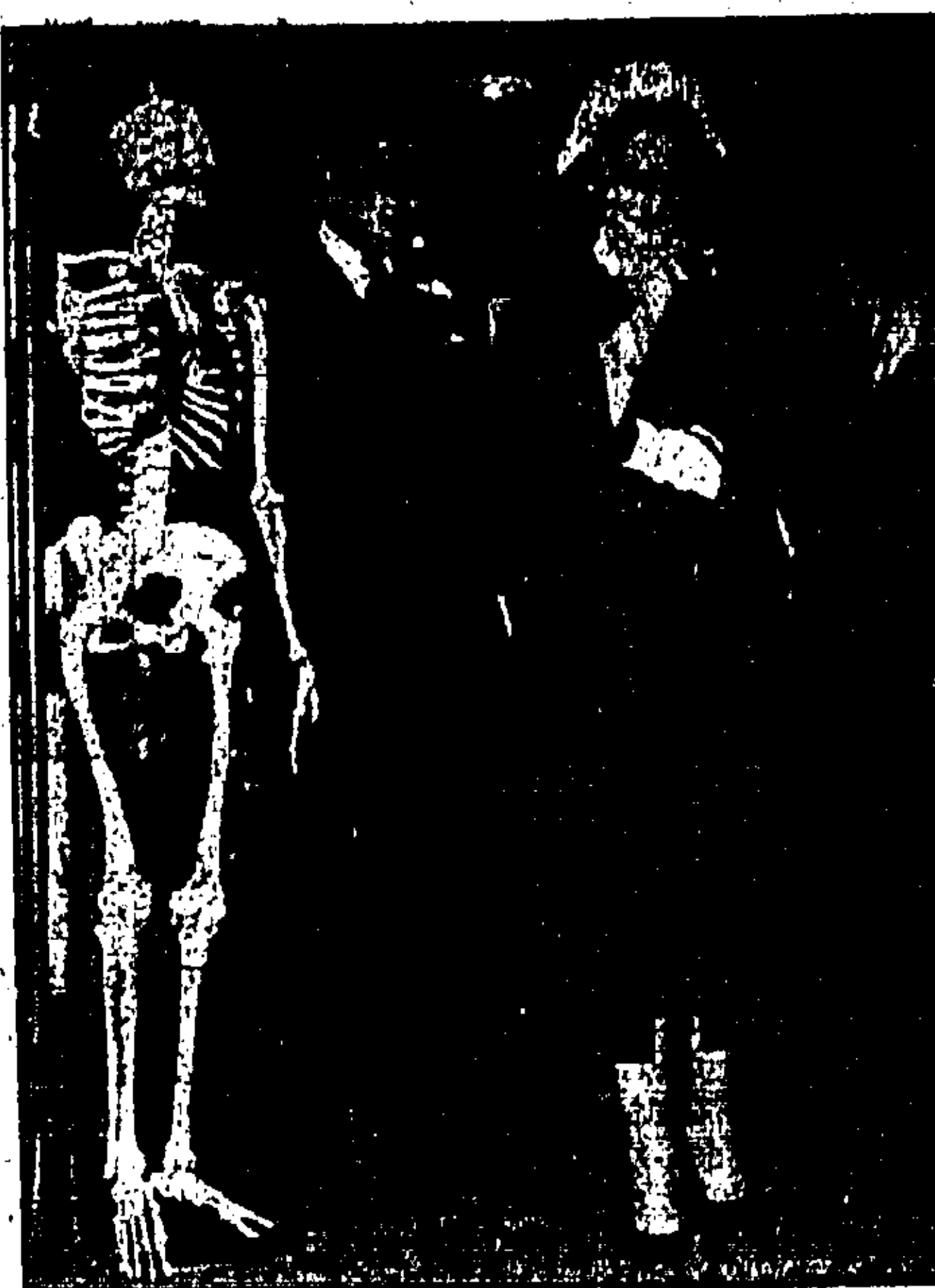
## Balloon To Photograph Sun

Huron, SD., Oct. 17. A BALLOON carrying a camera on a platform was launched at 7:19 am today to photograph the mysteries of the sun.

Part two of "Operation Stratoscope" went up under "ideal weather conditions," scientists reported.

The 200-foot high balloon reached a ceiling of 82,500 feet at 8:55 am in the Arlington-Lake Preston, South Dakota area, 45 miles east of Huron. A special telescope camera with an "aiming" device then was to go into play to start grinding out 8,000 pictures of the rim of the sun. Scientists followed the eastward progress of the giant balloon which was to parachute its cargo to earth

## Skeleton Looks At The Duchess



HRH the Duchess of Kent opened the Professional Nurses and Midwives Exhibition and Conference—held at Seymour Hall, London, on Monday. Keystone photo shows: The Duchess of Kent looks rather coy as she walks past a skeleton which appears to be highly amused at something during her tour of inspection after the opening ceremony.

## MALAYAN PREMIER REFUSES TO APPROACH CHINA

Singapore, Oct. 17. Malaya's Prime Minister, Tengku Abdul Rahman, has reiterated that he will not make a direct approach to Mao Tse-tung or through an Afro-Asian country to get the Chinese Government to call off its armed guerrillas who are waging a jungle war in Malaya for more than nine years.

This reiteration was made in a blistering attack Rahman made on the President of the Labour Party of Malaya, D. S. Rahamanathan, who had earlier advised him to go personally to China and get Mao to order the Malayan Communists to end the guerrilla war.

Rahman in a statement said the Labour leader's suggestion was "utterly irresponsible and disrespectful to our new nation."

In an exclusive interview with the United Press last Saturday the Prime Minister left no doubt he was convinced that the Malayan Communist terrorists were getting their directives from China. He said he was equally convinced that Malayan Communist boss Chin Peng and his 2,000-odd comrades would lay down their arms immediately if Mao Tse-tung gave the word.

The Prime Minister gave an emphatic "No" when asked if he would approach China directly or through an Afro-Asian country. He said the surrender terms he had offered to the Malayan Communist terrorists were "very generous and as far as I will go." He said the next move was up to Chin Peng.

### Sympathy

In his blast on the President of the Labour Party, Rahman said "if he considers himself a Malayan then he must take pride in this country of ours and not suggest or even think of suggesting that we, as a nation, should go on our bended knees to China or to members of the Afro-Asian bloc to beg for help to end the emergency started by a band of rebels who aim to set up a Communist government of their own choice."

The Prime Minister said the Malayan Communist Party would surrender on government's terms if it realised the whole country was against it. He added, "But if they feel there are millions of people in this community of ours, such as the Labour Party of Malaya, who are openly in sympathy with them, they will continue to fight."

Rahman reiterated his government's determination to continue fighting until the Malayan Communist Party is "crushed".—United Press.

## QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

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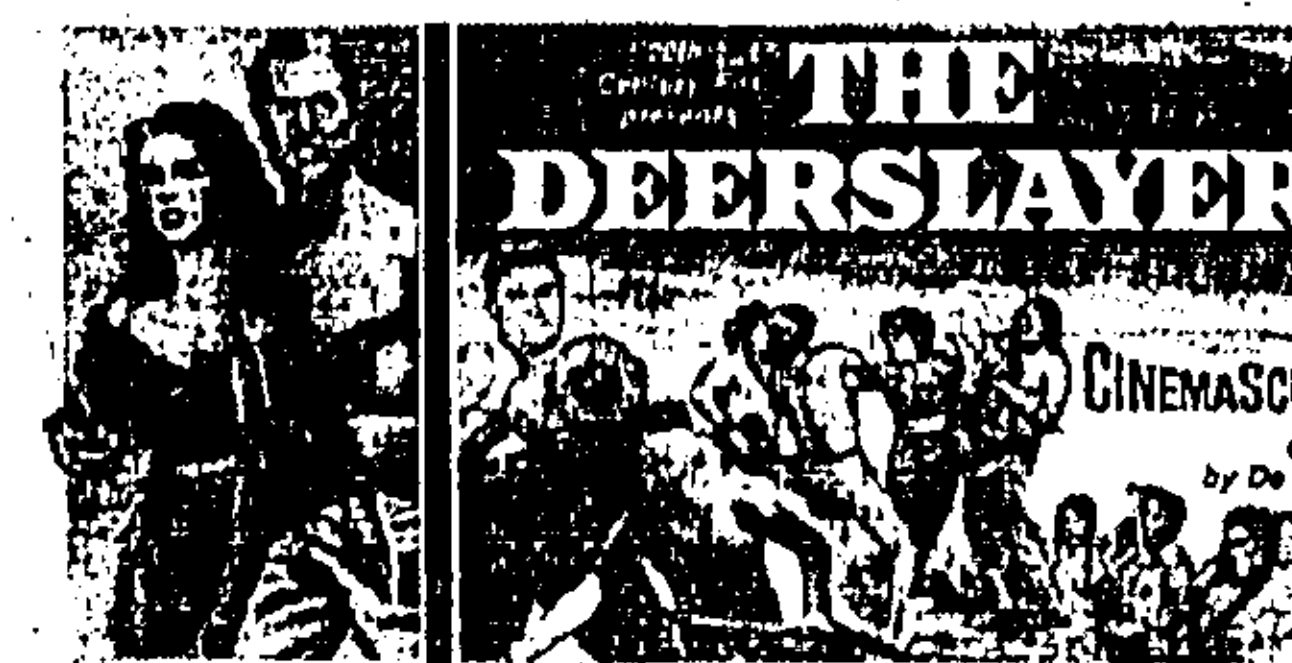


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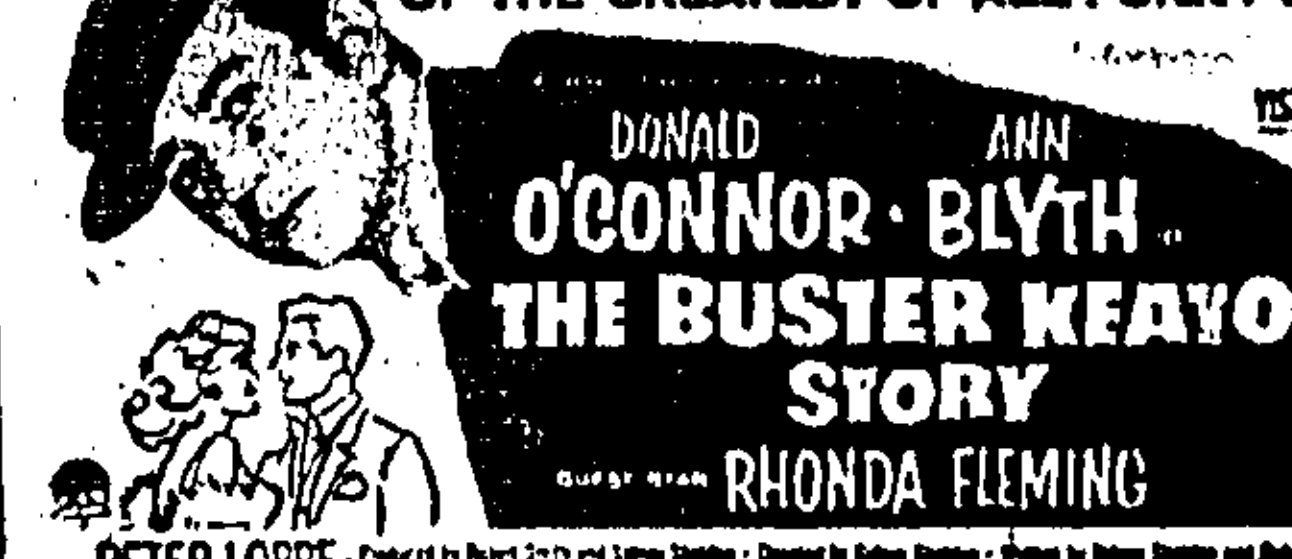


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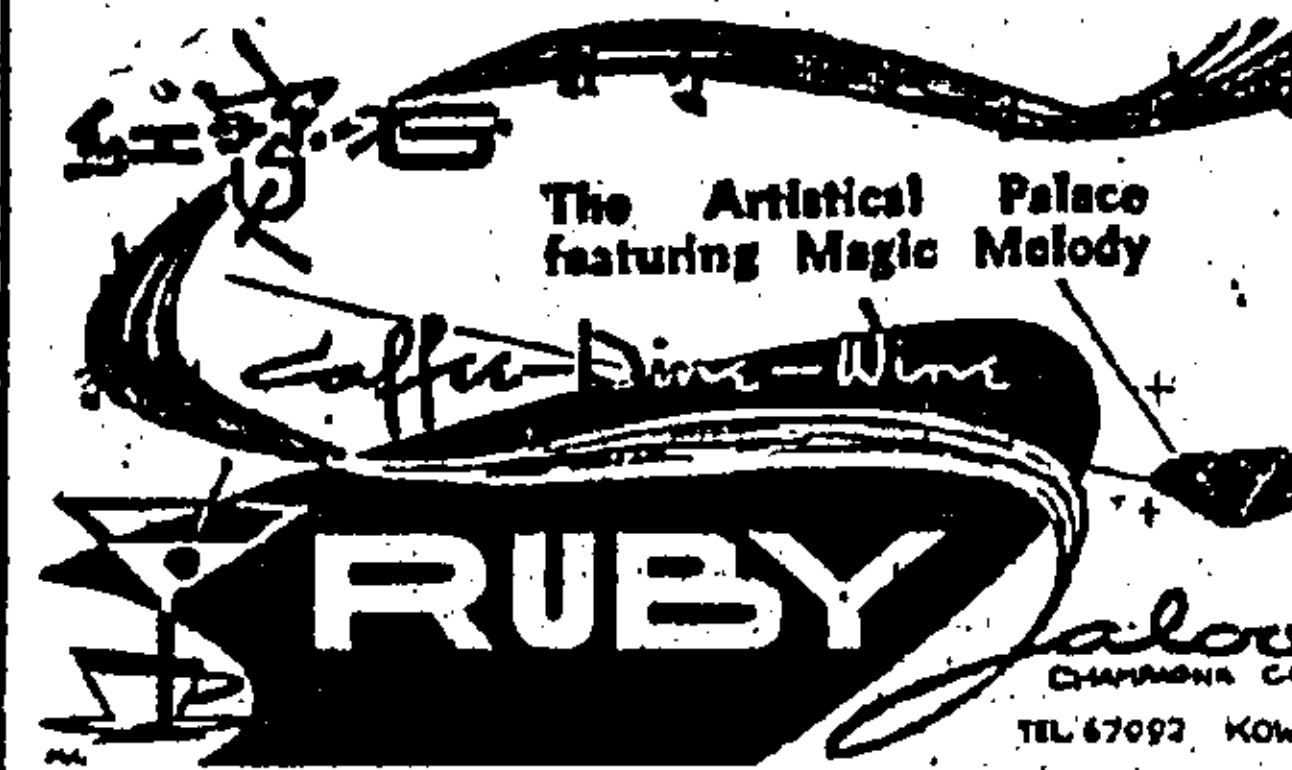


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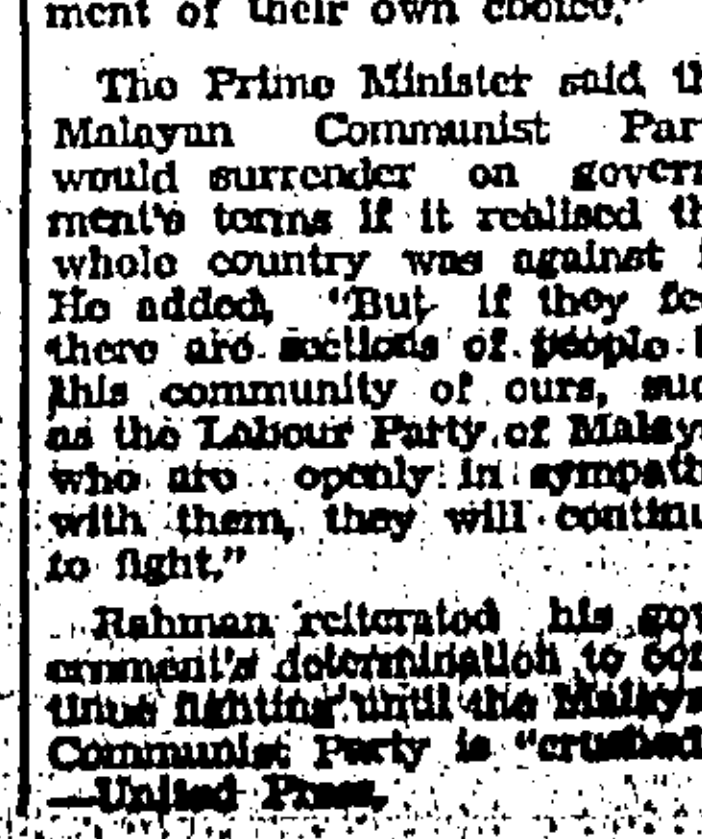
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## SATELLITE ROCKET GAINING

London, Oct. 17. British astronomers estimated today that the rocket thrown into space with the Russian satellite was now 17 or 18 minutes ahead and gaining in speed as it spun in towards the earth.

Special watch was kept as rocket and satellite travelled over Britain during the night as Professor A.C.B. Lovell, Director of the giant radio telescope at Jodrell Bank in Cheshire, said last night he was convinced the rocket would enter the atmosphere very shortly and burn up.

"It could happen in the next 24 or 36 hours," he said.

Londoners had their first clear view of the satellite or its rocket streaking across Britain at dawn today looking like a very bright orange star. It was visible for several seconds.

Scientists at the Mullard Radio Observatory at Cambridge said it must have been the rocket they saw.

### TRACKING

"The satellite itself can be tracked by radio but cannot be seen with the naked eye," a spokesman said.

Good signals were still being received at Cambridge from the satellite's radio.

Scientists estimated that it is dropping towards the earth at about two miles a day losing three seconds in speed each 24 hours.

The satellite's position over Britain today was 140 miles. In the southern hemisphere its height is about 550 miles.—*Reuters*.

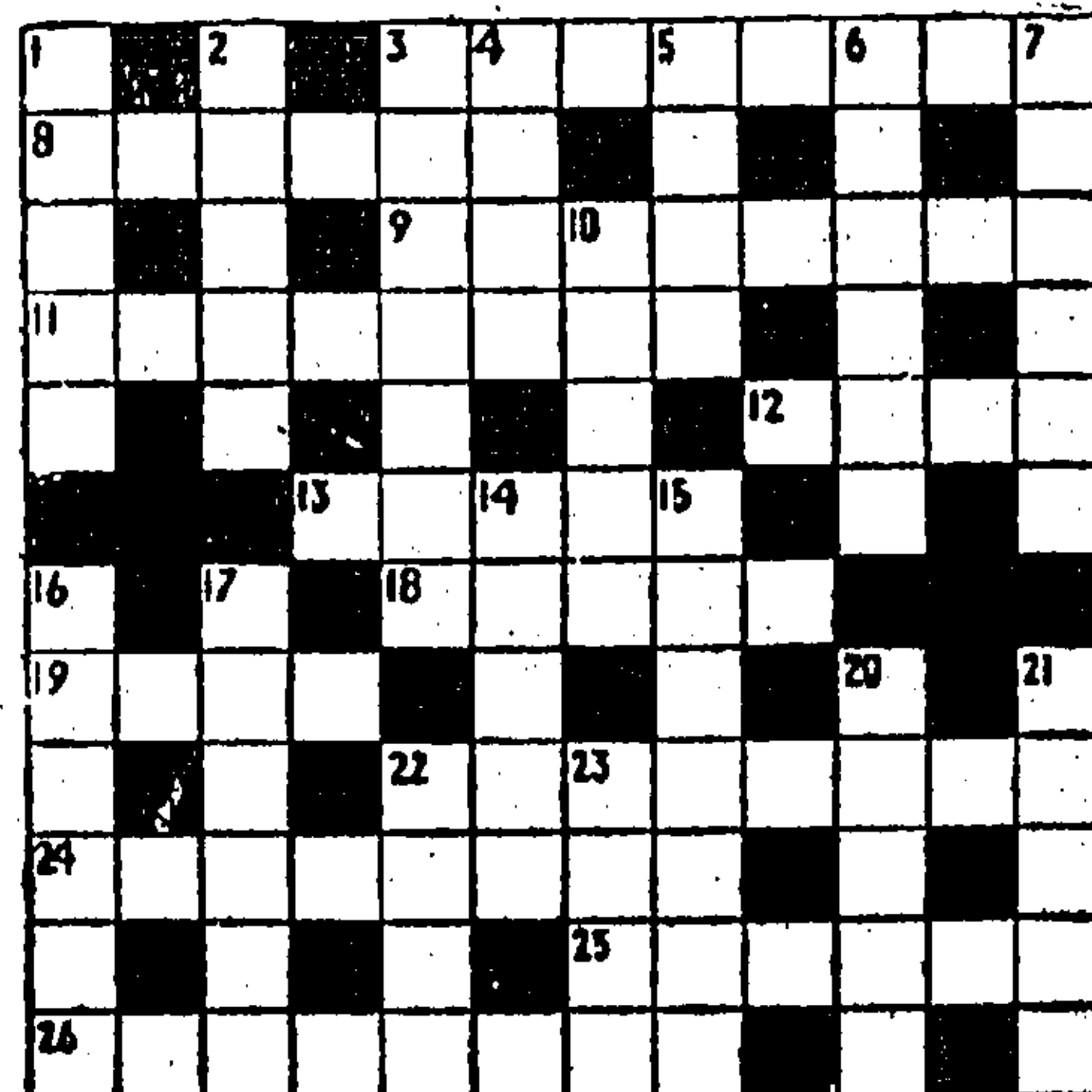
## West German, Yugoslav Relations

Washington, Oct. 17. The State Department spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, was asked at his press briefing today about a report that Dr. Heinrich von Brentano, the German Foreign Minister, had informed the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation countries that Germany was bound to break off relations with Yugoslavia.

Mr. White said that the German Foreign Minister had seen the American Ambassador in Bonn yesterday. But Mr. White added, he did not know specifically what Mr. von Brentano had told the Ambassador.

Asked what the United States Ambassador might have told the German Foreign Minister, Mr. White said that he did not know.—*Reuters*.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**

3 Did the puzzle all over against (8).

8 Just a bit (6).

9 Dried-outness (8).

11 What a servant is paid? (8).

12 Bottom of the bottle (4).

13 Open the door? (6).

18 Reception room (6).

24 Amiable possession (4).

25 Battered (8).

26 A stickler for discipline (4).

27 Chevron (8).

28 Very lethargic (8).

**DOWN**

1 Tree chie (6).

2 It was usually plighted (8).

3 Throws one's hand in (7).

4 Vivacity (4).

5 More than six balls? (4).

6 Blushing girl? (6).

7 Don't do it! (6).

10 Very mercenary (6).

14 True noble joint (5).

15 Favour (7).

16 Of the universe (6).

17 One of the Six Counties (6).

20 For those who like high living? (8).

21 Snake good at figures? (8).

22 Make some money! (4).

23 Useless without use (4).

**THURSDAY'S CROSSWORD.**—Across: 3 Blimped, 7 Creep, 8 Believer, 10 Abused, 12 Proceed, 13 Bait, 17 Invalid, 18 Unfried, 20 Sift, 21 Durable, 22 Relieved, 27 Embarrass, 28 Thawed, 29 Sardonic, 30 Scurvy, 31 Sharp, 32 Re-vue, 33 Spruce, 34 Fair, 35 Deal, 36 Dashed, 37 Edited, 38 Struck, 39 Score, 40 Exhaust, 41 Faint, 42 Blame, 43 Misery, 44 Timber, 45 Mirth, 46 Bitter, 47 Edges, 48 Magi.

# UN SYRIAN COMMITTEE ASSURED

## Western Observers Dismiss Any 'Shooting War'

By MICHAEL LITTLEJOHN

New York, Oct. 17.

The United Nations is thought certain to decide to set up an international commission to investigate the situation between leftist Syria and pro-Western Turkey.

## FIREMAN STARTED FIRE

Sydney, Oct. 17.

The New South Wales Fire Board and a fire officer were today ordered to pay damages for starting a fire—by accident—in a picture theatre.

The Supreme Court made the order in favour of Guy Rowland, proprietor of the theatre at Seven Hills, an outer Sydney suburb.

The fire officer is James Rutherford.

The fire occurred while Rutherford and a junior fire officer were inspecting a fire curtain behind the theatre screen.

Mr Justice Richardson said Rutherford's torch failed, and could not get another one so he used his cigarette lighter to make his inspection.

Rutherford's foot slipped, and the flame set the curtain alight.—*China Mail Special*.

## Criminal Trials In Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Oct. 17. Criminal cases not connected with the emergency in Malaya will be tried by jury in the criminal courts as from January 1 of next year, it was announced.

The Government has published a bill to introduce such a step and acting Attorney-General A. D. Farrell said although the bill was rejected in 1953 by the old legislature "the circumstances have now changed."

The present system used in Malaya is for two assessors to sit with a High Court Judge.—*United Press*.

Diplomats said today that United States support for such a move suggested yesterday by both the Soviet Union and Syria, assured successful passage through the General Assembly of a formal resolution to create such a body.

They said it was too early to say what its composition might be. Many delegations were in contact with their governments on the subject today, and there was no immediate indication that a draft resolution would be tabled in advance of tomorrow's Assembly's Steering Committee meeting.

This 16-member body is fully expected to recommend inclusion of a special item in the Assembly agenda about Syria's complaint of threats to her security and to international peace. Informal sources said it was likely that the Assembly itself would take up the question, rather than refer it first to the Political Committee.

### Explosive

While they conceded that the Syrian-Turkish situation had an explosive potential, Western diplomats said they did not expect a "shooting war" to break out.

They said that if the Soviet Union and Syria genuinely believed there was a Turkish threat to international peace and security then the Security Council was the place to raise the question.

## Labour Party Suggest Big Four Talks

London, Oct. 17.

Mr Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the British Labour Party, today called on the United States, France and Britain to invite Russia to take part in talks on the Middle East.

"I do not see why a four-power conference could not be held immediately to remove the tension entirely in this area," Mr Phillips said.

He was being questioned in a British Broadcasting Corporation press conference programme about the letter Mr Nikita Khrushchev, Communist Party leader of Russia, sent to West European Labour parties on the Middle East situation.

### Calling Asia

He was asked in the programme "London calling Asia" why he felt the Big Four Powers rather than the United Nations should deal with the Middle East problem. "America is there, Britain is there," he said. "Whether we like it or not the Soviet Union is there. They have little to lose. They can claim to be the protectors of the Arab peoples."

The Big Four Powers ought to agree to guarantee the Arab-Israeli frontiers of 1949 and enlarge the United Nations forces along them. They should also agree to cease deliveries of arms to Middle East countries.

Mr Phillips said the Labour Party felt that Mr Khrushchev should have sent his letter to the Security Council and to governments rather than to Socialist parties.

### Nervous

He was asked whether he felt Mr Khrushchev's object was to form a "people's front" with Socialist in Western Europe. "It is difficult to decide what is the real reason for the letter," Mr Phillips said.

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Some sources said they thought Mr Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Communist Party leader, might be reacting to reported criticisms that his Middle East policy had not been strong enough, especially during last year's Suez crisis.

The renewed United Nations focus on the Middle East affected the Political Committee's debate on disarmament.

### Consultations

With only one speaker today, the Committee adjourned after about an hour, and the Chairman, Dr Djelal Abdo of Iran, cancelled this afternoon and tomorrow morning's session.

A British delegation spokesman here expressed the view that what was needed, in the British view, was the ventilation of the problem in the United Nations to see what the best course of action would be.

A United States spokesman said the Americans were consulting a number of other delegations on how they would like to see the discussion of the situation handled. He said Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Egypt were included in these discussions—but not Syria.

"At the same time, we are making it known that the United States favours a full and free discussion of the problem," the spokesman said.—*China Mail Special*.

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He added: "The position as far as we are concerned is that we have no relationships with Communist parties and we are prepared to enter into joint talks on a matter of this kind."

"We have made it quite clear in our interim reply that if the Soviet Government regards this position as serious they should have raised it with the Security Council or with governments."

He added: "They may be fearful of the situation in the Middle East and they might have felt some extraordinary effort was necessary in order to express these fears."

### Intervention

He was asked whether the Labour Party would support any intervention by force if there was a coup d'etat in an Arab country which resulted in a Communist or near-Communist government being installed. "We would not wish to intervene in any case whether there had been a change of government," he said. "We want to take the Middle East out of the cold war."

Mr Phillips also reaffirmed Labour Party aims if it were returned to power in the next general election. He said the party would press for the recognition of China in the United Nations, call for the withdrawal of General Chiang Kai-shek's forces from Formosa and intervene in any case whether there had been a change of government.

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### Formosa

On Formosa, he said the people there would be given a chance of saying on their own for a time before deciding whether to join China or not.—*Reuters*.

## FRENCH NOT WORRIED OVER JAP CAR

Paris, Oct. 17.

A spokesman for the French Simca motor car firm declared today that the "external resemblance" between the new Japanese Prince Skyline car and the French Versailles "does not at all worry us."

The press office of the Simca firm was commenting on reports that the Fuji Precision Industry of Tokyo, which makes the Prince Skyline, was considering legal proceedings for declaration against a British Sunday newspaper, which was reported to have written during the Paris Motor Salon that it was a copy of European cars, particularly the Simca Versailles.

The spokesman said: "There is in fact a certain analogy between the silhouette of the Versailles and that of the Prince Skyline. But we do not attach great importance to this. The problem would have been totally different if a model of so close a resemblance to that of the Versailles had been manufactured in Germany or Britain."

### NO COMPETITION

"But Japan is very far away and there is at present no competition between the Versailles and the Prince."

The Simca spokesman added: "If it really had been copied, this would in any case be flattering for us. In any event, in its details the Prince Skyline is completely different from our Versailles, which anyhow has been replaced since the last Salon by the Beaulieu, which has a different body."

"The Japanese car is quite a bit smaller. It has a four-cylinder conventional motor, whereas the Versailles had a V-8 motor.—*France-Press*.

## Conference Of Arab States Likely

Beirut, Oct. 17.

Lebanese leaders, with the approval of King Saud of Saudi Arabia, are urgently trying to arrange conference of some Arab heads of State to consider a common stand on Syria, reliable sources said here tonight.

The sources added that this summit conference would be held in Beirut next Sunday if Lebanese efforts are successful.

The acting Lebanese Foreign Minister, Jamil Makki, said today King Saud had decided to stay an extra day in Beirut, returning to Riyadh on Sunday instead of Saturday.

Observers linked this with persisting unconfirmed reports that King Hussein of Jordan was coming to Beirut on Sunday.

President Nasser was believed not so far to have been approached and it was not known whether he would be invited.

The heads of State to be invited would represent the Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Iraq and Syria, according to the sources.

### ON SUNDAY

In Amman, a Government spokesman said the conference would be held Sunday.

The Jordan Ambassador to Beirut, Abdul Munim Rifai, tonight delivered to King Hussein an invitation from King Saud to attend the conference.

In Washington, Dr. Charles Malik, the Lebanese Foreign Minister, said after a 90-minute conference with Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State:

"I am convinced we will pull out of this Syrian crisis all right."

Asked by reporters how he viewed the danger of hostilities in the Near East, he replied: "My views for what they are worth tend to be more optimistic than pessimistic on that score.—*Reuters*.

## FESTIVAL OF MAGIC



A dress rehearsal was held on Monday at the Scala Theatre, of the Festival of Magic, which opened in the evening.

Keystone photo shows: June Merin, the world famous magician, seen with her famous cat "Al", which has travelled all over the world with her and takes part in her act—and which has been adopted as the Festival's mascot.

## AUSTRALIAN MP DEFENDS QUEEN

Canberra, Oct. 17.

British people throughout the world are fed up with the "Muggeridges and all their miserable tribe," Mr D. J. Killen, Liberal member for Queensland said in the House of Representatives here tonight.

Speaking on a motion to adjourn the House, Mr Killen said Mr Malcolm Muggeridge, former Editor of Punch, had denied that he made an attack but he had used the phrase "the monarchy is pure show." "There were 'show, hear' from Government members when Mr Killen said 'there are many people who regard these attacks as part of a design to weaken the institution of the monarchy.'"

### Miserable

The detractors were "miserable and contemptible," he said.

The Queen was doing her job remarkably well in difficult circumstances.

"After the heel prints of the Altrinchams (Lord Altrincham) and Muggeridges pass from the scene, the Queen will remain," Mr Killen said.

"I say this to the Muggeridges and Altrinchams and other detractors of a charming and gracious lady—leave the Queen alone."

### Significance

"The subject of this attack is the Queen of this country and the attacks are deeply resented," Mr Killen declared.

Not enough attention was given by the press in Australia and throughout the British Empire to inculcate into the minds of the British people a realization of true constitutional significance of the Crown, he added.—*Reuters*.

## OCCUPATION STAMPS SOLD

Singapore, Oct. 17.

Unused stamps issued during the wartime Japanese occupation of Malaya were auctioned in Singapore today for a total of 3,555 Malayan dollars (about sterling £414).

A philatelist and some Singapore dealers said the stamps were auctioned to help below face value and would fetch a higher price in England or the United States.

The stamps, numbering several thousand, were the original Malayan ones for the different states, each printed over with the words "Dal Nippon" and in some cases the Japanese year 2508 (1942).—*Reuters*.

## AGA KHAN TO BE ENTHRONED

Dar es Salaam, Oct. 17. The youthful Aga Khan arrived here today by special plane from Nairobi to be formally enthroned as head of some 20 million Ismaili Moslems.

The American-educated Aga, accompanied by his father, Prince Aly Khan, and mother, Princess Joan, was greeted at the airport by Tanganyika's Governor, Sir Edward Twining, and representatives of the Ismaili community.

A small crowd of 1,500 were at the airport because Ismaili leaders had asked the faithful to avoid crowding and instead to wait along the streets to greet the Aga on his drive to the Governor's residence, where he will stay until the coronation on Saturday.

### BLUE SUIT

The Aga, clad in a navy blue suit and bearing at well-wishers, came down the ramp, followed by Princess Joan, in a white blouse and grey pleated skirt, and Prince Aly, who was wearing a dark suit. Ismaili leaders placed garlands of red and yellow roses round the Aga's neck, while a Pakistani bagpipe band, from Karachi, blared Scottish airs.

The Aga, an ex-Harvard University student, reviewed a detachment of boy and girl scouts, clad in his own green-and-red colours, amid scattered cheers from the rather subdued crowd.

The Aga and his parents, accompanied by Sir Edward and Lady Twining, drove to the Governor's house, through streets draped with flags and bunting.

### DECORATIONS

All Ismaili homes were decked with thousands of multi-coloured lights as was the crown-shaped tower on the "Jawut Khana" Ismaili mosque.

Some 60 chartered planes arrived today, bringing the faithful from Tanganyika, Kenya, Uganda and Zanzibar, while others have arrived from South Africa, Mozambique, India, Pakistan and Madagascar.—*France-Press*.

## Immigration Secret Threat

Manila, Oct. 18.

Senator Francisco Rodrigo yesterday bluntly declared that he would take the wraps off the still secret Senate report on the Chinese immigration lobby scandal if the Senate Blue Ribbon (investigating) Committee failed to release the report within a week's time.

Rodrigo, a member of the Committee declared that his Committee colleagues were trying to block the release of the report because it involved four high ranking Nacionalista Party leaders.

The Blue Ribbon Committee in the middle of this year conducted an extensive investigation of reports that the Chinese lobby, with the connivance of four NP leaders, were working to legalise the stay here of 2,400 overstaying Chinese.—*France-Press*.

## MACMILLAN GOING TO CANADA

Washington, Oct. 17.

A CANADIAN spokesman announced tonight that Mr Harold Macmillan, the British Prime Minister, had accepted an invitation from Mr John G. Diefenbaker to visit Ottawa after his conference in Washington next week with President Eisenhower.

The spokesman said that Mr Macmillan would stay for a few hours in Ottawa late on Friday, October 25.

Mr Diefenbaker, according to Canadian sources, would adhere to his original schedule to return to Ottawa tomorrow night from Washington and would therefore be present at the Eisenhower-Macmillan talks beginning next Wednesday.—*Reuters*.

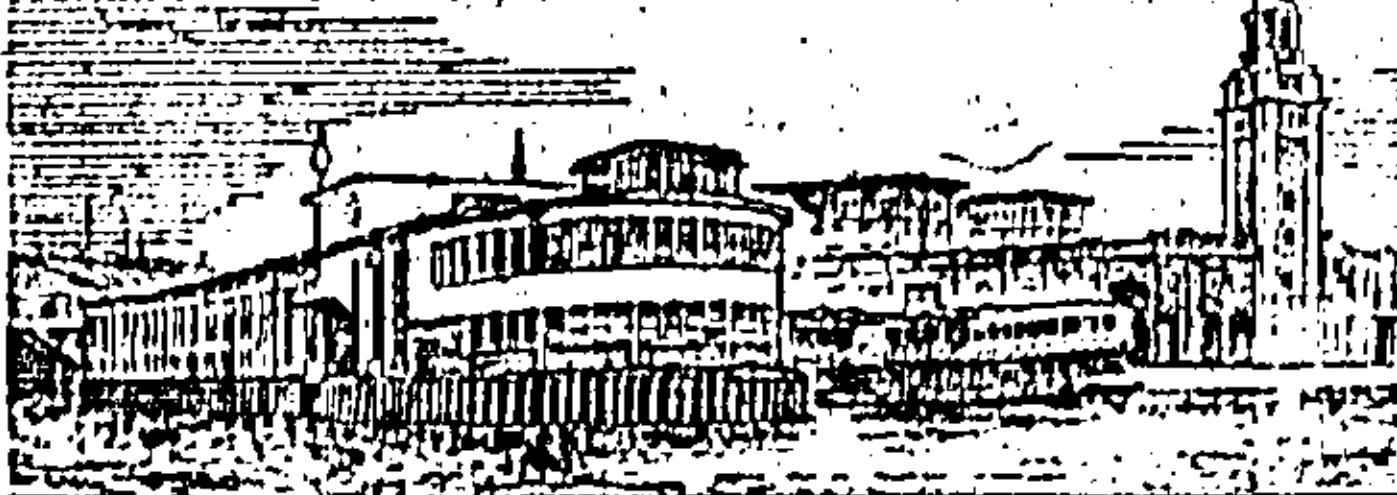
The sources added that it was extremely unlikely that Mr Diefenbaker would return to Washington to be present at the conversations.

Ottawa officials said Mr Diefenbaker was expected to discuss the Middle East situation with American officials during his current visit to Washington. Officially, he is acting as senior adviser to the Queen.

Such talks would enable President Diefenbaker to make known Canadian views to Mr Macmillan, whom the two spokesmen were expected to take any direct part in the conference.



## What's Best in Kowloon?



## Princess Garden

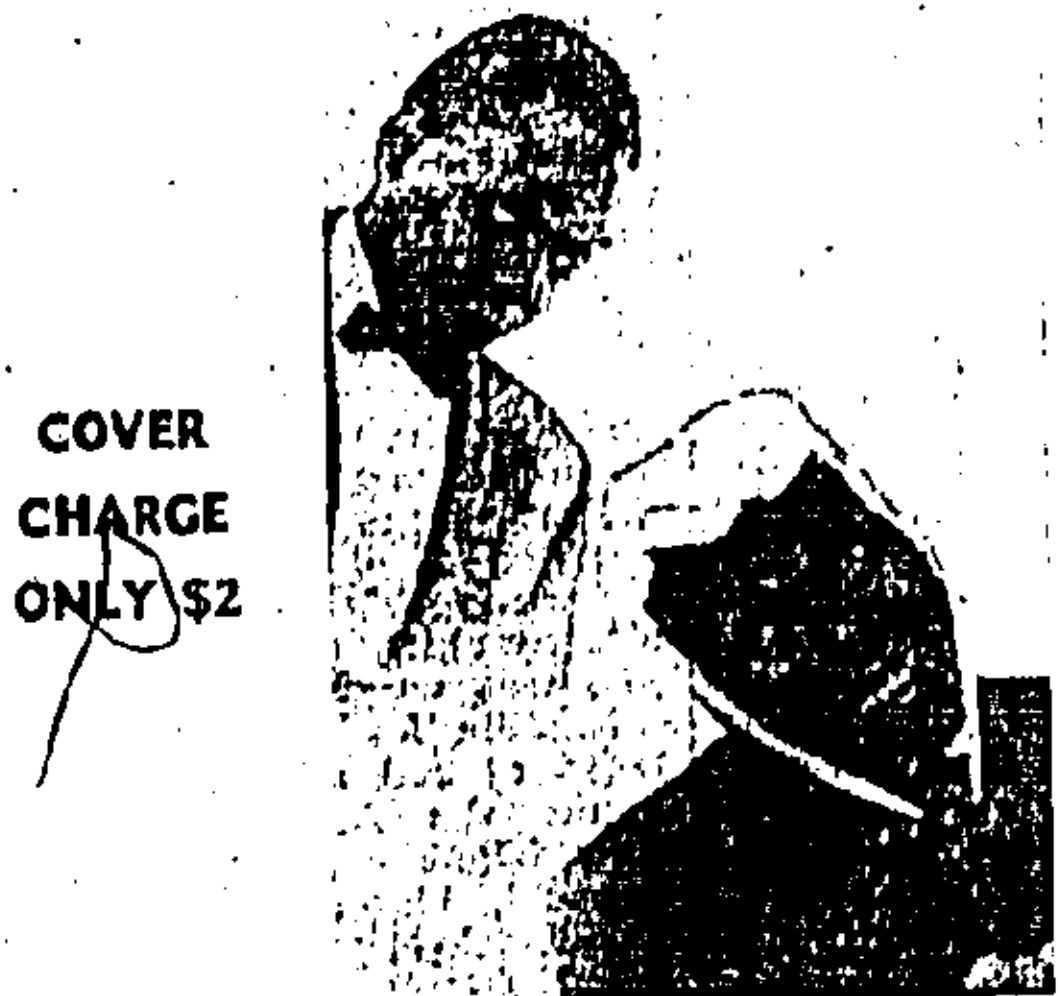
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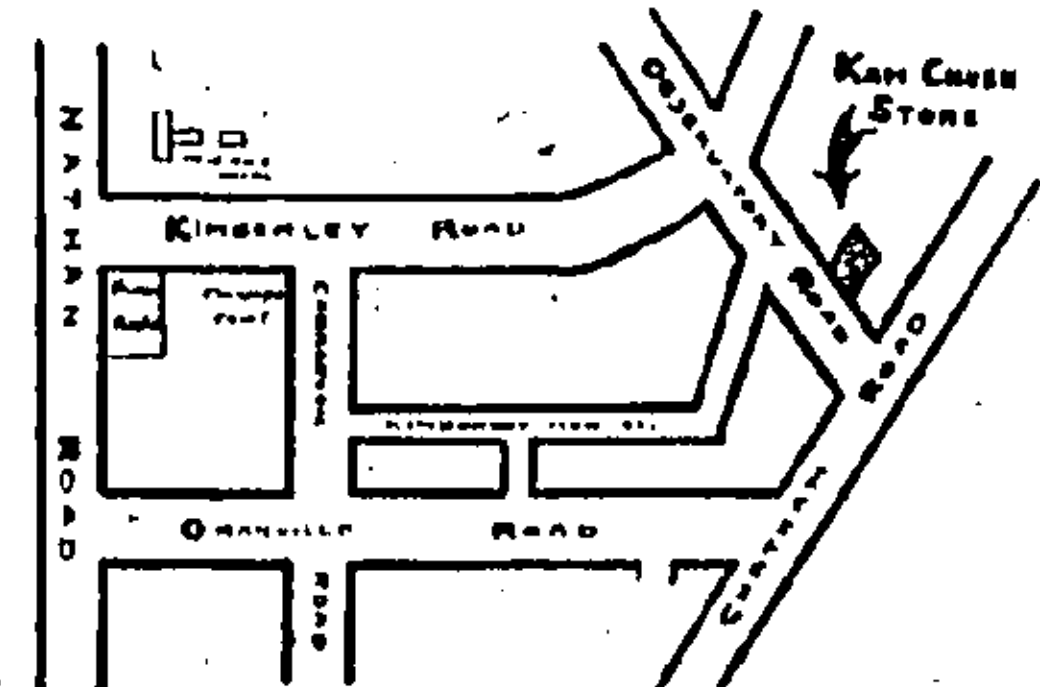
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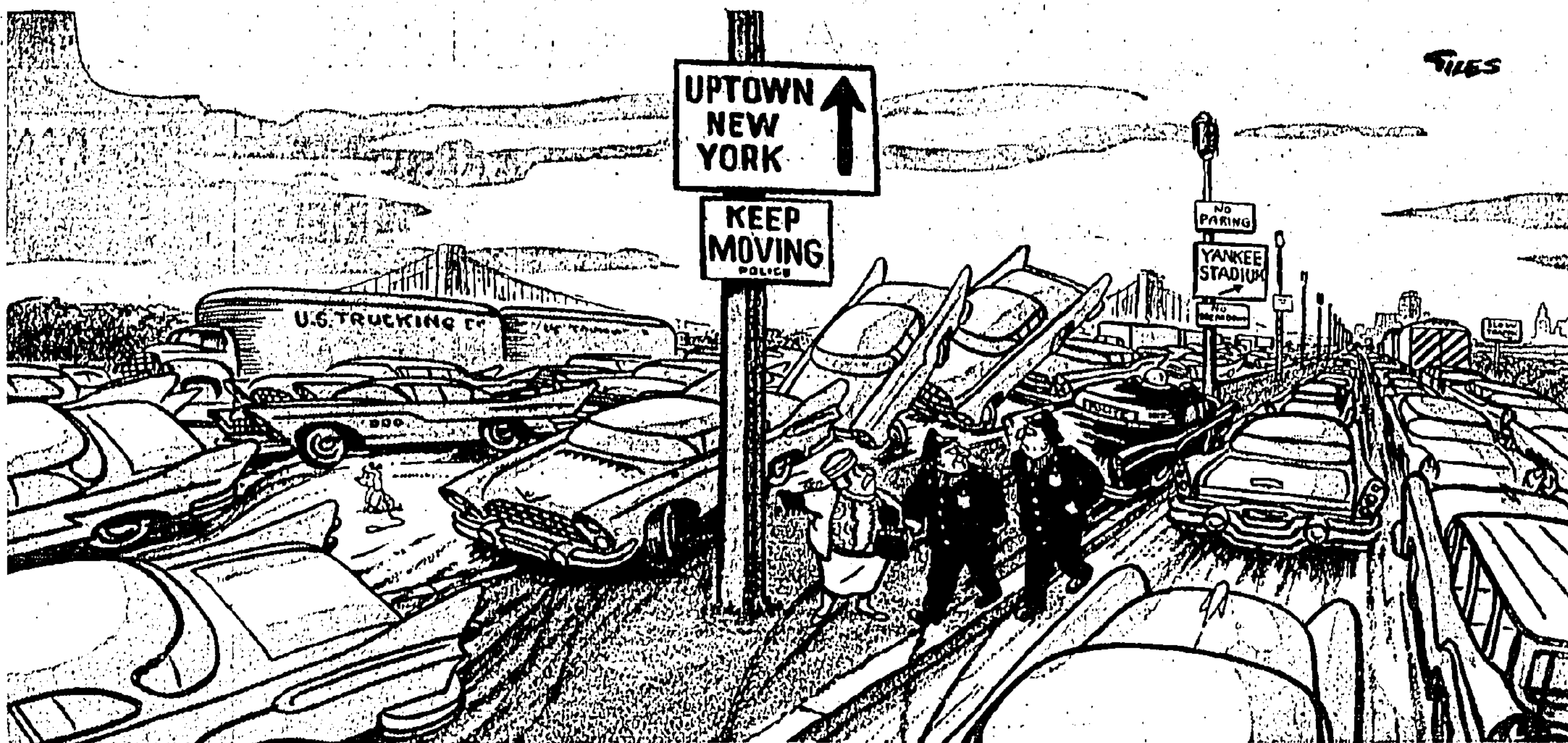
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# THE MOTHER COUNTRY

LET us admit at the very beginning of this London Letter that England—and I do not mean Britain—is a country that has been invaded again and again. The ancient Romans set the fashion. The Picts and Scots—especially the Scots—persistently crossed the Border and made war against the feckless Saxons or, as they eventually became known—the English.

It is true that the Germans failed to get here, but they had a dashed good try. If it had not been for the vacillations of Herr Hitler they would almost certainly have arrived although there is no proof they would have enjoyed the experience.

But in modern times there has developed a steady infiltration from Canada which flows like a river and never recedes. In fact I can almost visualize Prime Minister Macmillan rising in his place in Parliament and saying: "In moving the motion on the order paper I am sure that I shall have the sympathy of the whole House. As one who had the honour to be A.D.C. to the Duke of Devonshire at Rideau Hall it is specially painful to have to ask the House to accept this measure of restraint on Canadian immigration to England. Mr Speaker this is a sad hour in my political career, but owing to the persistence with which Canadians come here and refuse to return to their native country, I have no option but to introduce a restrictive quota."

MR ANEURIN BEVAN: (rising to his feet)  
I am grateful to the Prime Minister for giving way. We on this side of the House recognise that some such legislation is long overdue, but may I ask him two questions? Will the Prime Minister be content merely to introduce a quota for incoming Canadian immigrants or will he take measures to deport to their native country a number of Canadians who have been here a long time?

MR GAITSKELL:  
A very long time.  
MR SPEAKER:  
Order! Order! This is a delicate matter and I urge honourable members not to make interjections.  
MR MACMILLAN:  
As you say Mr Speaker, this is a delicate matter. I must inform the House that I have

Commissioner in London, arriving dramatically just at the right moment. The marquee was full of London Canadians, but I think the maple leaf was carried just a little too high when the whisper went round that the champagne was also Canadian. Loyalty is a splendid thing but I mean to say...

That night my wife and I sat down to enjoy, or at any rate to endure, the television programme of the B.B.C. Hardly had the programme got under

#### LONDON LETTER

### Sir Beverley Baxter M.P.

been in touch with the Canadian Prime Minister concerning the possibility of sending home some of the Canadians who have been here for a very considerable time, but I regret to say that Mr Diefenbaker's reply has not been encouraging.

MR TED LEATHER:  
May I as one of the...

MR SPEAKER:  
No, you may not. The House will now proceed with the orders of the day.  
Readers may think that this is a subject which could have been left to a more delicate pen—such as the one wielded by Lord Altrincham—but in case you think I am exaggerating, let me as a citizen of Great Britain (albeit with a Canadian passport) describe the events of one day in my life just at the end of this summer.

An invitation reached me to attend in Battersea Park (on the South side of the Thames) where, in the Festival Gardens, I could gaze on the new Troquois Turbojet engine, designed and developed by Orenda Engines Ltd., at Malton, Ontario, Canada. The invitation said that Colonel George Drew would probably be there if his ship arrived in time, and that Air Vice-Marshal D. M. Smith, Chairman of the Canadian Joint Staff in London, would be among those present.

Well, it was quite a do, with Col. Drew, the former leader of the Federal Conservative Party in Canada, and now High

way when it was announced that we would have a film made in Canada. Thus by the alchemy of science we were walled to the Canadian west where the local authorities, including the mayor, were insisting upon turning a stubborn old man out of his house because it was in the direct route of a new railway line.

That was the plot, but unfortunately, it was so true to life that it became rather tedious. The stubborn old man was so dashed stubborn that we hoped against hope the train would demolish him and his house together.

But the B.B.C. had a special card up its sleeve on this night following the party at Battersea Park. With a note of triumph in his voice the announcer broke the news to us that no less an authority than Mr Clyde Gilmour, the cinema critic of the Toronto Telegram and Maclean's Magazine, would give us his opinion on some of the latest releases from the British studios. It was jolly decent of Mr Gilmour and what is more he did it very well.

But where is this growing Canadian domination of the British scene to be brought within limits? Not long ago we had a terrific dinner at the Savoy to celebrate the early Pilgrims who left England and sailed out to America. Jack Whitney, the United States Ambassador, proved once more that Americans can talk better

than they can speak, and Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd proved that Englishmen can make good speeches even when they have nothing very much to say. Yet who was the outstanding well at this grand affair? It was Sir Campbell Stuart, resplendent with ribbons, who came over here in the first war and decided that England was good enough for him. He is the Big Boss of Anglo-American Social relations and is almost as prominent a feature of the London Scene as Nelson's Monument.

But the list in no way ends with Sir Campbell. What of that grand old veteran Sir Edward Peacock who was a housemaster at Upper Canada College (Toronto) from 1895 to 1902? Now at the age of 89 he has decided to take it easy and is content with being a director of Baring Brothers (the Bankers) and the C.P.R.; a Lieutenant of the City of London, Receiver-General of the Duchy of Cornwall, a Rhodes' Trustee Treasurer, and Treasurer of King Edward's Hospital Fund. In his serious moments he plays golf.

The case of Lord Beaverbrook is too well known to need elaboration, but it is an interesting fact that the dramatic critic of the London Evening Standard is no less a person than Canadian Milton Shulman who succeeded Canadian Beverley Baxter.

According to Clive each of the four seasons in Canada has a definite character of its own whereas in Britain we sometimes have winter, summer spring and autumn all in one day. Being much addicted to flying he says that you can look down from a plane and see Canada growing like a giant. Listening to his tale it seems that life in Canada is vibrant, progressive, democratic, healthy and that there are excellent clubs in Montreal.

Despite my son's outburst of Canadians I must put on record that the best place in which to live is London, England, providing that you can afford to abide in the centre and not in a suburb thrown up overnight. For one thing everybody, or nearly everybody comes to London. For example I had the great honour a few months ago of meeting Messrs. Bulganin and Krushchev, those amiable twins who seriously

depleted our available supply of brandy. It is true that I speak no Russian and B. and K. speak no English but they are the leading actors in the great melodrama of Communism and it is interesting to have seen them.

No one can deny the beauty of Vancouver and Victoria or the lovely lakes of Northern Ontario which you can watch from the train but over here we have the beauty of the Lake District and the glory of the Scottish hills. Admittedly Canadians can hop to New York with its wondrous stores and its vaulting sky scrapers but we can get in a plane and be at Le Touquet in fifteen minutes—and playing in the Casino an hour later.

Or if you want to spend a little more time in the air you can get to Baden-Baden and play golf over a gentle course, dine at the Casino, and chance your tick at the tables. Admittedly these diversions are not important to one's well being but part of the fascination of life in London is that Europe, with all its great and tragic story, is at our doorstep. Or if you can share its beauty and its tragedy as we pass through villages and towns and by rivers which gave names to the dreadful battles of two world wars.

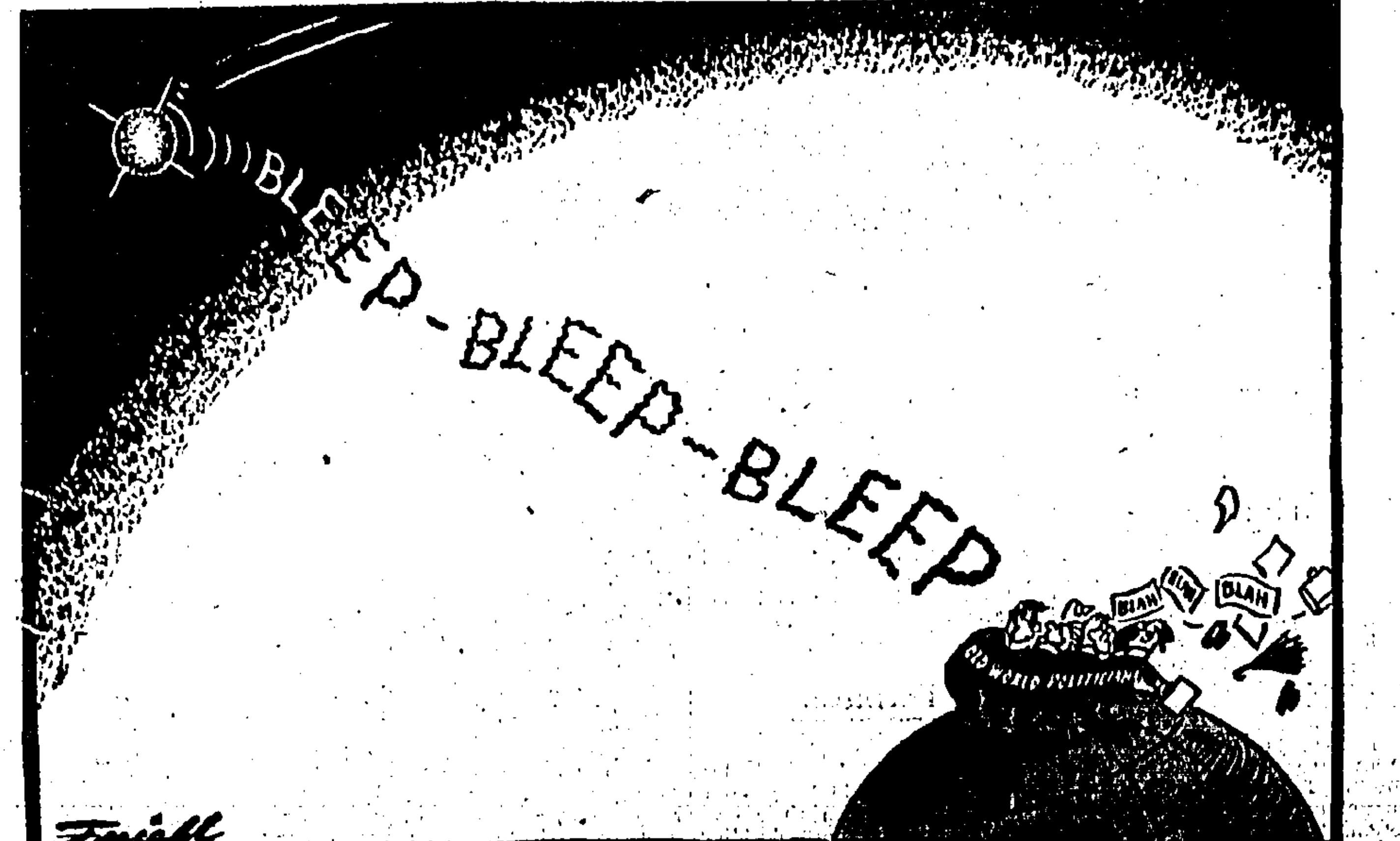
I know that there is nothing more startlingly beautiful than the coming of the Canadian Autumn for to give it the lovely Canadian name "The Fall" with its mist and its golden sunlight. Nor is there anything more lovely than when the first frost turns the leaves red as if a giant knife had been plunged into the earth.

Autumn in Canada... That lovely voyage up the St. Lawrence... The opening of Parliament by Canada's Queen... New Brunswick with its sturdy strength... I must look up the C.P.R. sailings... Goodbye London! I'm off to Canada but I'll be back.

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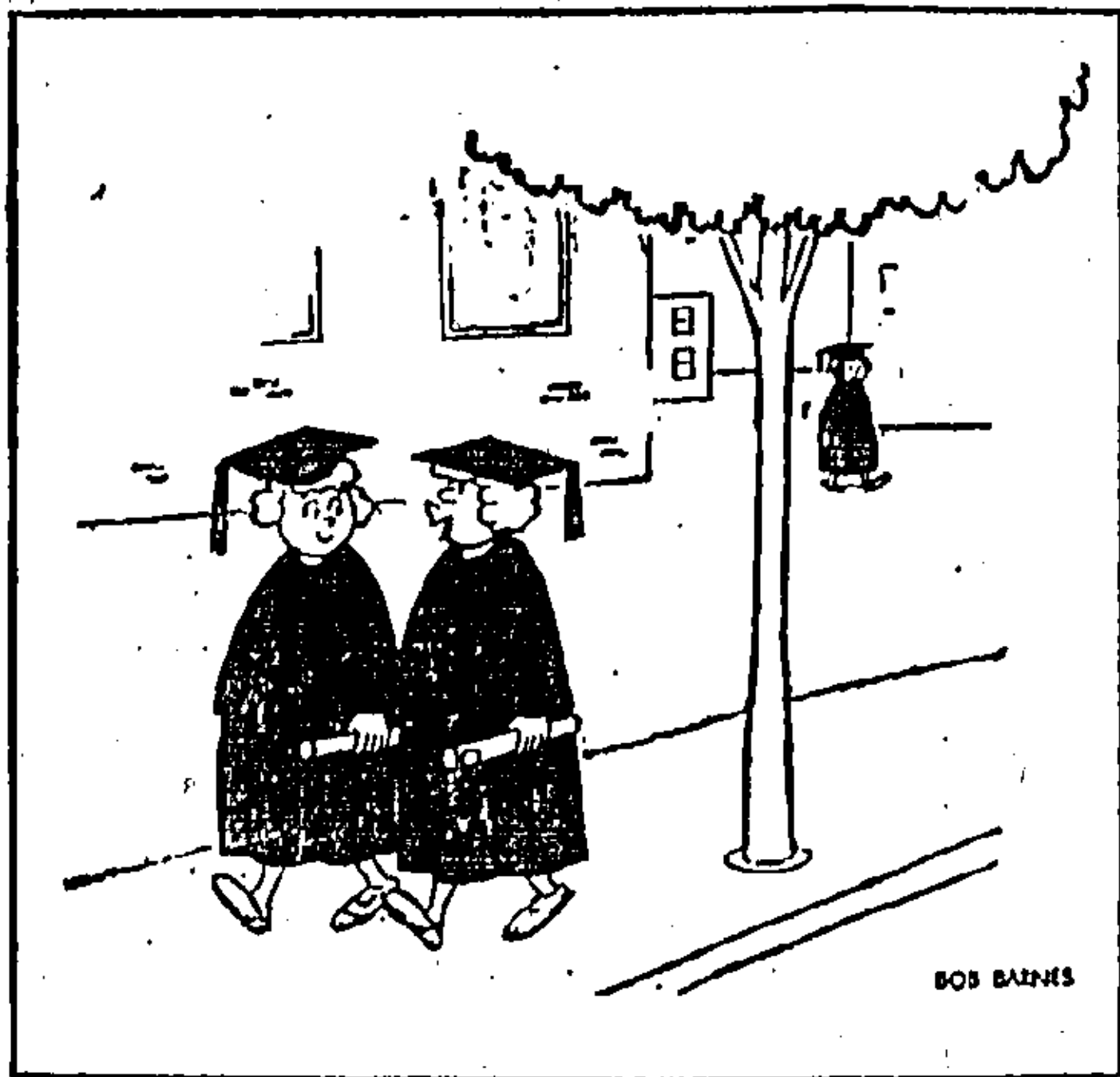
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## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

I HOPE the advocates of easier divorce have taken note of a judge's ruling that if a husband stands on his head now and then it is no ground for divorce. No man is forced to choose between his wife and Yoga.

The question, however, becomes more difficult if Yoga has nothing to do with his antics. Surely the law should distinguish between a man who stands on his head for fun and one who does it for reasons of Yoga. The happiest marriages are those in which both husband and wife stand on their heads. The community of interest produces harmony in the home and encourages the children to follow the example of their parents. The spectacle of an entire family standing on its head brings tears of happiness to the eyes of sensitive relatives.

Oh, I say, look here

DEAR SIR, It is not easy to understand what object your contributor "Beachcomber" has in mind in his obviously flimsy adventures of three impossible characters. There are, unfortunately, people foolish enough to take these cards and drinking parties seriously and to believe that this is what goes on in the North during the grouse-shooting season. This can do no good to our essential tourist trade. Foreigners are not likely to be encouraged to leave a motor by this sort of article. I flatter myself that I can take a joke

with the next man, but this is altogether beyond a joke. I enclose my card as I do not wish to see my name connected with your contributor's disgusting nonsense.

### Symphony concert

A MAN who is said to have tested an outboard motor in his bath complained of the noise made by a racing motorist who tuned engines on the floor below. Was there nobody in a flat above to turn on the radio at full blast so that none of them could hear what they were doing?

### TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word, there must be at least one nine-letter word in the square. No proper names, words, or proper names. TODAY'S TARGET is words, words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square. Letters must be at least one nine-letter word in the square. No proper names, words, or proper names. TODAY'S TARGET is words, words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

BORN today, you are active and progressive. You are always a few years ahead of your time in thinking—and sometimes in action. What may seem to be dreams to others can be reality to you. You have little use for the trappings of life and are always planning things on a large-scale activity. Be warned about one thing: Make sure that you have the proper personnel under your direction to know how to take care of all the detail work for you.

You have a natural reserve which at first meeting may appear rather cold. But underneath you are loving and affectionate. It takes someone else to make the first advances and then you will be your true, responsive nature. Fond of children and desirous of having your own family growing up around you, it will be best if you wed at an early age. Since your ties of kin are close to you, you will be a withdrawn—at least then you will have your own family at home, even if your work must be conducted

among those who are not close to you. It is likely that your fortune will run in alternating cycles of good and bad. Learn to take full advantage of the good periods to produce. Lie low when the tide is turned against you and wait for the break. You probably will find that Tuesday of each week is one of your most productive days. Take advantage of this.

Your ambitions are sharp and your dreams are probably vivid. Learn to interpret them for it is likely that they will hold some warning of the future for you!

Among those born on this date are: Helen Hunt Jackson, Howard Strithers Hurt and Emily Hurst, authors; James Truslow Adams, historian; Henry O. Haverty, one-act, and philanthropist; Sidney Kingsley, playwright; and Hoesa Ballou, educator.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 21-Oct. 23) — Fate may play an important part in today's activities. Make the best of whatever happens. You may not have much to say about it.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Think carefully before you act now and the results should be financially rewarding. Also enjoy yourself socially.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) — You may combine business and social activities with the prospects of better-than-average results.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20) — Today the fates decree — and you just agree, but since fate is kind, all should bring great happiness if you agree to it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — Although the good and poor tendencies are intermixed, you can turn the majority decision to good!

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — A day in which your relations with others spells the margin between success or failure. Be tactful and polite.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) — There may be excitement this evening, but it can prove plus or minus according to how you handle affairs.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21) — Don't let a closed mind or stubbornness prohibit real progress now.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) — Moods can play havoc with you. Plans, so well conceived and meant.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23) — Show wisdom and astuteness in

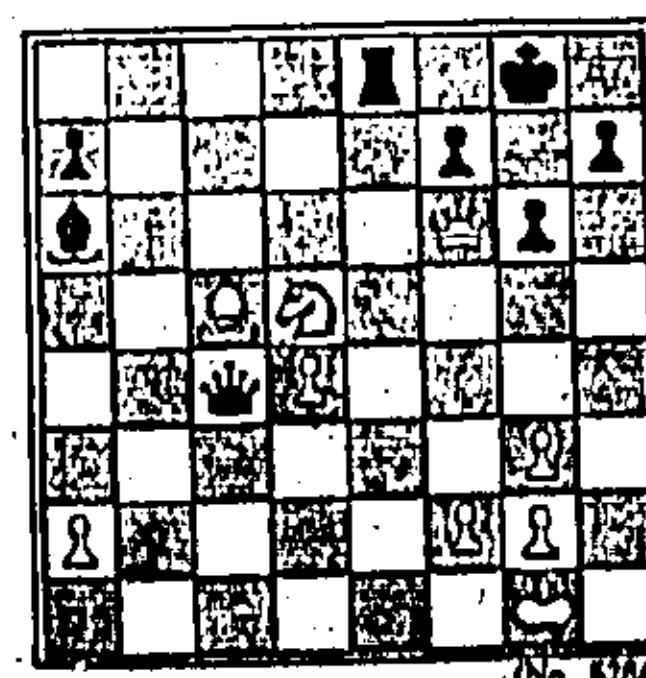
dealing with today's problems. You can win out if you are smart.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23) — You need wisdom in making an important decision today. Your entire future can hinge upon the results.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) — Personal affairs need careful consideration. Romance is not the best idea just now. Wait a while!

## CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



From tournament play: how did Gerald Abrahams (White, to move) win brilliantly here?

## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

### Rebid Avoids Loss Of Game

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand is mainly interesting for the various things that might have happened. The three-spade contract was made on the nose. South trumped the second club lead and played two rounds of trumps, stopping in dummy. The ten of diamonds was led and when East played low South finessed the jack. West won with the king but that was this side's only diamond trick. Eventually the defence made its ace and king of hearts.

North thought that South should have dropped the bidding at two spades. He pointed out that West might have held both the king and queen of diamonds, in which case South's three-spade bid would have transferred a profit into a loss.

South pointed out that North could have had a better hand for his spade raise and that a

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♥ K 10 7 4			
♦ Q 2			
♣ A J 10 6 3			
SOUTH (D)			
♠ A Q 7 5 2			
♥ J 3			
♦ A 6			
♣ 5			
No one vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ K			

pass by South might well have thrown game out of the window. I must agree with South. He held only 14 points in high cards, but a five-four-three-one hand is likely to play very well when partner can give an immediate raise.

Furthermore, South's rebid was of great value to his side. If South had passed at two spades the chances are that West would have pulled himself together and made a delayed double. This type double is not for business but merely shows a hand that was close to an immediate takeout double.

This delayed double would have brought East into the bidding with three clubs. Then, if South bid three spades East would probably have gone on to four clubs.

He would have gone down one trick at that contract but no one would have doubted him and North and South would have picked up a mere 50 points above the line instead of 90 below.

### Q—The bidding has been:

East South West North  
1 ♠ Pass 1 N.T. Pass  
Pass ?  
You, South, hold:  
♠ K J 8 7 ♥ A Q 8 7 ♦ J 2 ♣ A 4  
What do you do?

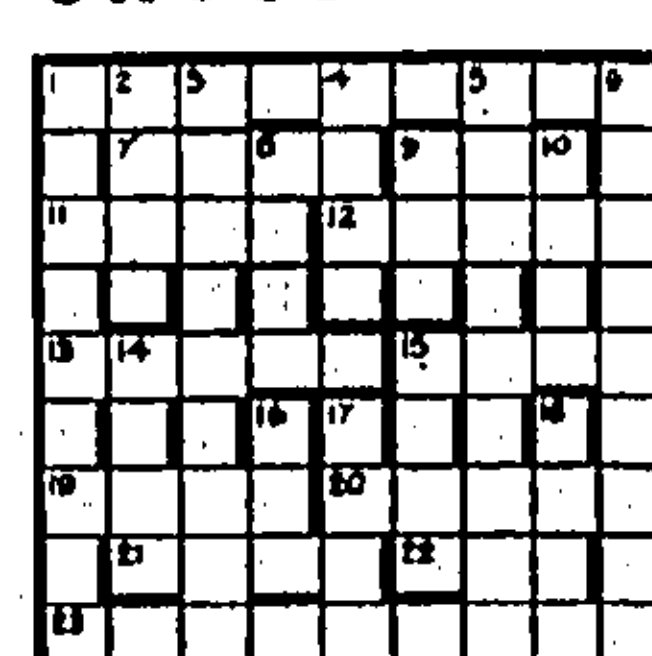
A—Double. This double is primarily business and, if your partner can leave it, business will be good. If he takes you out, you have enough stuff so that he won't be hurt.

### TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding continues with a two-diamond bid by West. Your partner doubles. East passes. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

### CROSSWORD



Across  
1. Date Round (anagram). (8)  
2. Pato-packing horse? (4)  
3. Anger. (3)  
4. For Canada. (4)  
5. A friend in Spain. (5)  
6. Wake up! ... (5)  
7. ... (5)  
8. ... (5)  
9. ... (5)  
10. ... (5)  
11. ... (5)  
12. ... (5)  
13. ... (5)  
14. ... (5)  
15. ... (5)  
16. ... (5)  
17. ... (5)  
18. ... (5)  
19. ... (5)  
20. ... (5)  
21. ... (5)  
22. ... (5)  
23. It's today tomorrow. (6)

Down  
1. Eleven Across (anagram). (9)  
2. Rabbit tail. (4)  
3. ... (4)  
4. U.S. State. (4)  
5. Spoke nonsense. (9)  
6. ... (9)  
7. Town of cameras. (4)  
8. ... (4)  
9. ... (4)  
10. Old ... (4)  
11. ... (4)  
12. ... (4)  
13. ... (4)  
14. ... (4)  
15. ... (4)  
16. ... (4)  
17. ... (4)  
18. ... (4)  
19. ... (4)  
20. ... (4)  
21. ... (4)  
22. ... (4)  
23. ... (4)

## THE NEW ROMANTIC HEROINE...

She Works And Likes It

By AILEEN ASCROFT

NO young woman has changed so much since the war as the heroine of the paperback love story.

The star in our mothers' day was surrounded by titles. If she didn't have one herself, she was wooed by men who did. She was delicate and ethereal, with tantalizing curves and eyes of the deepest blue.

The heroine of today is of much more sturdy build. She works in a factory or a hospital and falls in love with young men who are architects, foremen, T.V. personalities, forensic archaeologists. She is invariably slender, almost skinny. Her looks are unusual rather than beautiful; sometimes downright plain.

Her dreams are more sophisticated, too. Having lost the husband she adores to a scheming woman, she is prepared to look around for a more reliable substitute—and she cares not a whit about his earning capacity.

### A TIGHT SPOT

ETHEL M. DELL, one of the old brigade of romantic writers, was never so happy as when she got her heroine into a tight spot under a desert moon. In "The Hundredth Chance" Maud Blum, whose mother urges her to wed the wicked Lord Saltash, has "beautiful eyes of the darkest, deepest blue." To aid her invalid brother she contracts a marriage in name only. "Feels her heart fluttering in wild rebellion, like the wings of a captive bird," but ends up happily realising her husband's worth and declaring, as she clasps him to her bosom: "You are the prince of my heart—for ever."

How much Dorothy, the best receptionist of Jan Tempest's recent "For Those We Love." Having been taken in for £500 by a confidence trickster in chapter one, she regards most men through "smoky-grey eyes, as chilly as a night breeze." Plain and practical, Dorothy is wooed by farmer Toby, with

no money and a mortgage. When love strikes in the final chapter, the heroine trips awkwardly over a thistle and hears her true love declaring himself: "The first time we met, I smudged your lipstick. Now I'm going to smudge it again. Any objection?"

### BLUEST BLOOD

FLORENCE L. Barclay, another of the old sentimentalists, who liked to sprinkle an aura of religion through her love stories, chose for her heroine of "The Rosary" the Hon. Jane Champion, with "the bluest of blue blood in her veins."

Sara Seale, her modern counter-part, gives her heroine, Jo, in "I Know My Love," mousey hair, eyes like saucers and a body with the "slender incompleteness of a young boy's." The archaeologist here is no picture either, with his bad temper and calloused hands, but he does turn up trumps in the end with a little money.

### UP TO DATE

BARBARA Cartland has been a best-seller with both generations because she has kept her heroines up to date. In her first love story, written when she was 20, her heroine received only a fairy kiss throughout the whole book. "That wouldn't do today," says Miss Cartland.

The old novels were taken up with the chase of a woman taking 300 pages before the happy ending. Nowadays, she "falls" on page two, so there must be plot and action to sustain interest for the rest of the book. Love stories are not so proper now, with the breaking of taboos and conventions.

Of the 75 novels she has written 65 have been love stories. "Ideal hero today is an American business tycoon," Miss Cartland tells me, "and readers want far more details of heavenly bosoms and panting lips, though they still like their heroine to be an idealist at heart."

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### A Ghost In The Can?

—Knarf And Teddy Went To The Lot To Find Out—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the Shadow with the tin can about his neck, was sitting on the back fence when Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, came waddling up to him.

"There's something funny going on," said Teddy. "Something funny?" said Knarf. "What's funny?"

Teddy stood for a moment, scratching the top of his fuzzy head. Finally he said: "I don't know exactly how to explain it. I mean it really isn't a ghost."

### Knarf Is Surprised

Knarf nearly jumped off the fence as he shouted: "A ghost! Not really a ghost," said Teddy. "It's just a lot of tin cans moving around without anybody moving them. So it has to be a ghost. Don't you think so?"

"It might be," said Knarf. "It might also be the wind. Or it might not be tin cans. Or you might not have seen right. Or it might just be your imagination."

"All I know," said Teddy, "is that those tin cans were moving around without anybody moving them."

"Where were they?" asked Knarf. "In the lot on the other side of the road," said Teddy.

"I guess I'd better take a look at those cans," said Knarf. "I don't think it's a good idea for a ghost to be walking around."

So they both set out for the vacant lot on the other side of the road.

### Weedy Garden

It was rather a handsome lot. The weeds were knee-high with here and there a daisy and a bunch of dandelions among them. Running through this weedy garden were a dozen crisscrossing paths.

"That ghostly thing is right along this way," said Teddy, as he moved along one of the paths.

It looked like a pile of old tin cans, many of them bent and rusted. Only now, instead of a ghost, the cans stood up and Knarf saw plainly the figure of a tall thin man. He even caught a glimpse of a face with a big brown moustache behind one of the cans.

"It's Knarf in armour!" cried Knarf.

### Feeble Voice

A feeble voice called out from inside one of the cans: "Greetings, friends. I'm Sir Lance-a-lot. Try to be good enough to help me off with this helmet. It's stuck."

Knarf and Teddy hurried forward to help Sir Lance-a-lot take off his helmet. Teddy stuck and whistled to Knarf: "Life's not a ghost at all, is he? He's a real knight!"

It took a bit of time and a lot of tugging before Knarf and Teddy managed to lift the can off Sir Lance-a-lot's head.

"Mind my ears now! Mind my nose! Mind you don't pull my hair out..."

Sir Lance-a-lot kept warning them as they worked away. Finally it was off and there he stood, smiling and straightening out his moustache which had become all untidy.

Then the knight shook hands solemnly with Knarf and Teddy. "Are those tin cans your suit of armour?" said Teddy in a voice of wonder.

"It's the best I can do," said Sir Lance-a-lot. "My other suit of armour is at the miller's being cleaned and pressed."

"I like him," said Knarf. "So do I," said Teddy. "And I hope we see Sir Lance-a-lot again."

"It's a dragon!" he cried. "Sir Lance-a-lot, wait! It's only a dog barking," said Knarf.

But it was too late. Sir Lance-a-lot was already gone, looking for a dragon who was really only a dog barking on the other side of the vacant lot.

"I like him," said Knarf. "So do I," said Teddy. "And I hope we see Sir Lance-a-lot again."

Soon they reach the house and Rupert is having a cosy tea with an old lady and a cat and a dog. "The little boy will be here in a minute," says the lady. "It's dull for him here with two old people, so he will 'love to have you to play with."

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## FROM ITALY —FOR PLAYTIME

By ANNE SCOTT-JAMES



THE PINAFORE is so strong a fashion that it's influencing play and casual clothes. A new all-in-one trouser suit from Italy has a pinafore top. In green jersey, over a turtle-neck sweater.

Picture by DAVID OLINS

## YOUR FRAME IS WHAT COUNTS

By Ida Jean Kain

HOW many pounds can you gain or lose before anyone notices the change? Is it three, five, ten—or more? Actually, the answer depends on your frame. If you have a slight frame, even a small gain or loss shows up quickly.

But for the overweight with a large frame, just the opposite is true. It is not uncommon for a twenty-pound gain or loss to go almost unnoticed. This is made startlingly clear in a letter from a Connecticut reader who writes: "What makes me mad is that some people can't even see I've lost! When you read the number of pounds she has lost with no one noticing, you will agree she has reason for complaint."

"Three months ago, starting on our anniversary, I decided to get down to normal weight. I figured your ideal weight, always take your frame into consideration. It is only excess fat that is a health hazard."

"I was unable to get into a size 42 corset, and am now wearing a size 39 and it shows signs of being too loose. All my clothes are far too big for me. I intend losing another 22 pounds, and then holding my weight at 100 pounds."

Good for you! It takes sustained courage to stay with a reducing routine when no one tells you how slim you look.

A wide frame and big bones figure in total weight. In figuring your ideal weight, always take your frame into consideration. It is only excess fat that is a health hazard.

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# I CAN BELIEVE IT NOW, BUT I STILL CANNOT ACCOUNT FOR IT

## Dai Rees Deserves A Pat On The Back

Says HENRY LONGHURST

At the finish of the Ryder Cup match, which did indeed warrant the overworked word "sensational," I could neither believe it nor account for it. I can believe it now, but I still cannot account for it.

One thing, however, stands out a mile, namely that, while one or two bits of extraneous unpleasantness may have momentarily taken some of the gloss off his triumph, Dai Rees deserves a pat on the back from every follower of sport in Britain and for that matter in Elre, which, though "under entirely new management" in other directions, is still for golfing purposes incorporated with the old firm.

### Astonishing Victory

Rees's personal contribution to this astonishing victory was as great as any I can remember in any team match, be it international, University, Harford Howitt, or anything else. In the foursomes he and Bousfield were two down during the morning, all square at lunch, and two down again with eleven to play. By this time they knew that only a win from them could avoid a clean sweep. If there was to be the faintest chance on the morrow, they must get home somehow—and they did.

In the singles his score, apart from one hole where he picked up the best on either side, but above all his personal zest and enthusiasm kept up the spirits of a side which, 3-1 down at the end of the first day, was looking almost certain defeat in the eyes—and all this against a background of widely-publicised comment by one of his own team who had been left out on the second day. One could not help comparing the good grace with which Bousfield, two years ago, having travelled all the way to America, endured being left out on both days.

### Difficult One

The question of applause at golf is a difficult one. There is no question where the blame lies when, as happened at Ganton eight years ago, one American put hit their ball into the trees at the last hole and were greeted with lusty roars of Yorkshire delight. I remember my embarrassment, as I was standing beside the Teulonic Clayton Haefer and heard his observations. On the other hand, if the man you are supporting holes a putt and you applaud before the opponent has his turn, you are thought by many to be somewhat unsporting. If the opponent misses and you then applaud (at your man's winning the hole), you will be told in no uncertain manner by Mr. Tommy Bolt what sort of a character he deems you to be, and it will be no satisfaction to either party if you reply, with some truth, "You're another!"

### Golfing Clown

And if you don't applaud at all, you may be asked, as I remember that golfing clown, Joe Ezar, demanding of a few silent spectators once at Portcawl when he had holed a long putt,

## World Fencing Championships From Aug 17-30

Paris, Oct. 17. The 1958 World Fencing Championships are to be held in Philadelphia from August 17 to 30. It was learned in Paris tonight.

### OLYMPIC SLED SITE

Cortina D'Ampezzo, Oct. 17. The municipality of this Italian winter sports resort, site of the 1956 Olympic Winter Games, wants to organise the bobsled events of the 1960 Winter Olympics. — France-Press.

## Sports Diary

### TODAY

Boys' and Girls' Club Association annual swimming gala, Victoria Park Swimming Pool, 4.30 p.m.

### TOMORROW

Draw of the Kwangtung Handicap, Cash Sweep at 11.30 a.m.

First Day of Second Race Meeting at Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

1st Division: Army "South" v. Regio, HKCC v. JCC, HKCC v. JCC, HKCC v. JCC.

2nd Division: DSS v. KCC, HKCC v. JCC, HKCC v. JCC.

3rd Division: HKCC v. JCC, HKCC v. JCC, HKCC v. JCC.

4th Division: HKCC v. JCC, HKCC v. JCC, HKCC v. JCC.

## Another Filipino Basketball Team For Japan

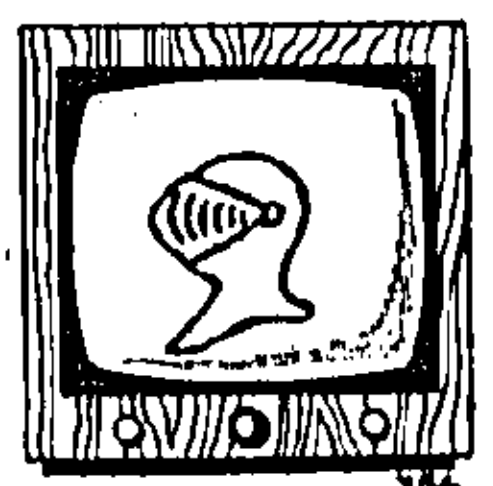
Manila, Oct. 18. The University of the East "Warriors," the 1957 University Basketball Champions, will leave by air for Tokyo on October 21 for a series of goodwill games with Japanese collegiate teams.

The Warriors will be the second Philippines team to play in Japan this year. The first was Heacock's Commercial team, which won five out of six games in Japan. — France-Press.

## WOLVES BEAT REAL MADRID

Wolverhampton, Oct. 17. Wolverhampton Wanderers, leaders of the English Football League, beat Real Madrid, Spanish holders of the European Cup, 3-2 in a friendly football match here tonight.

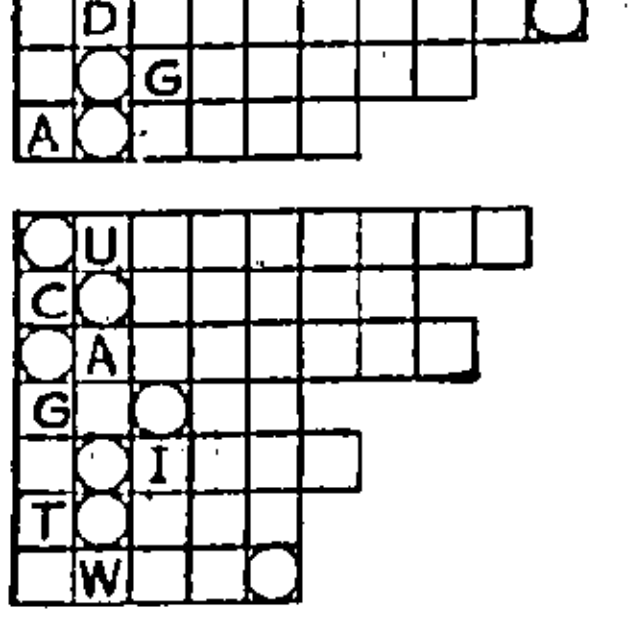
Madrid led 1-0 at half time, China Mail Special.



## NAMESAKES

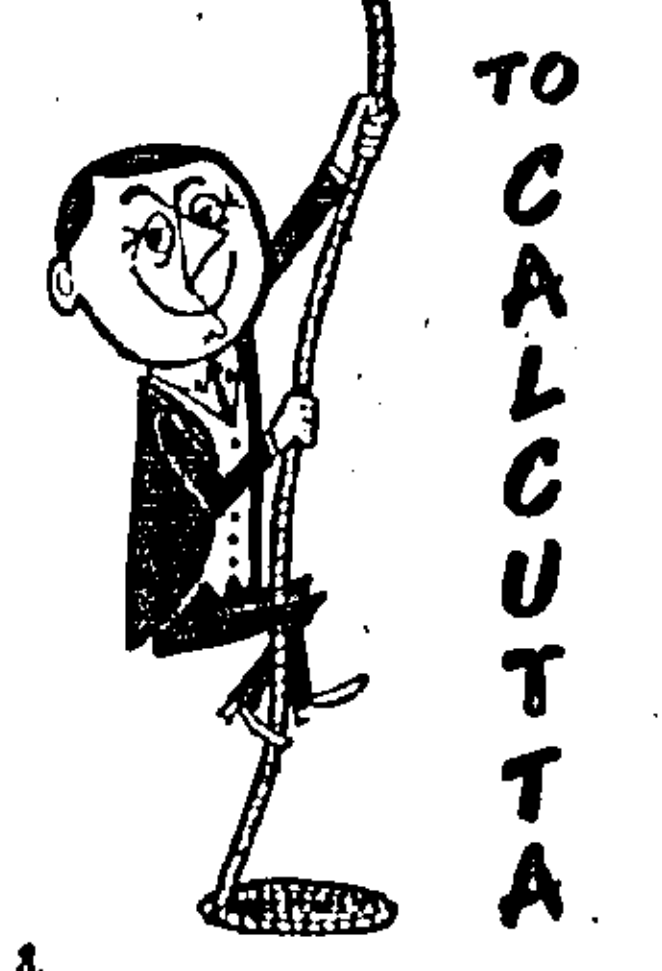
INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

- 1 Explains
- 2 Warfare
- 3 Celtic King
- 4 Legendary Queen
- 5 Many towered
- 6 Famous knight
- 7 Chalce
- 8 Buckler
- 9 To be turned?
- 10 War blade



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## BE SPECIFIC CATHAY PACIFIC TO CALCUTTA



## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

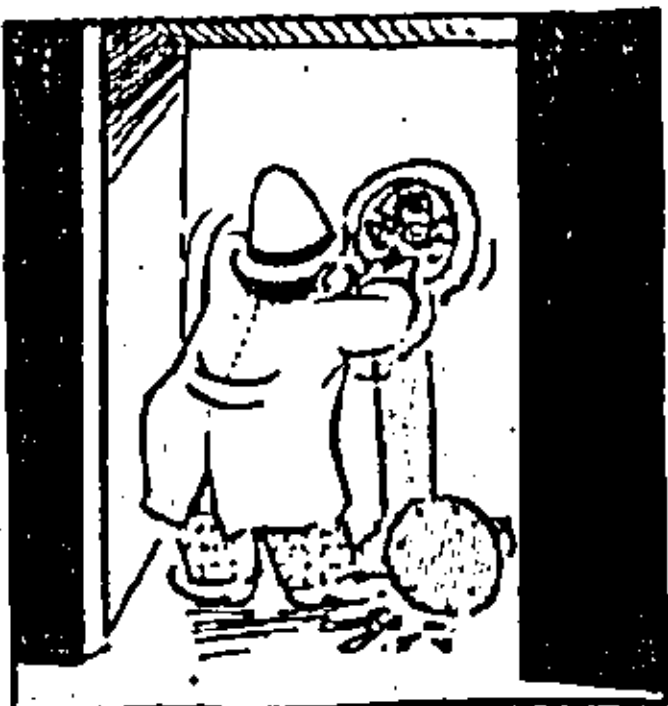


By Leo Falk and Phil Davis

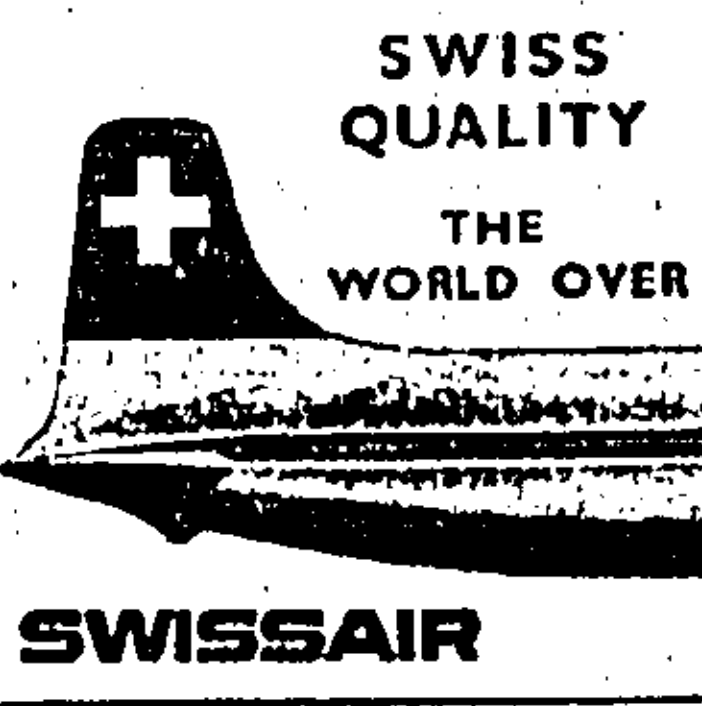


CRYSTALISED GINGER COVERED IN FRY'S CHOCOLATE

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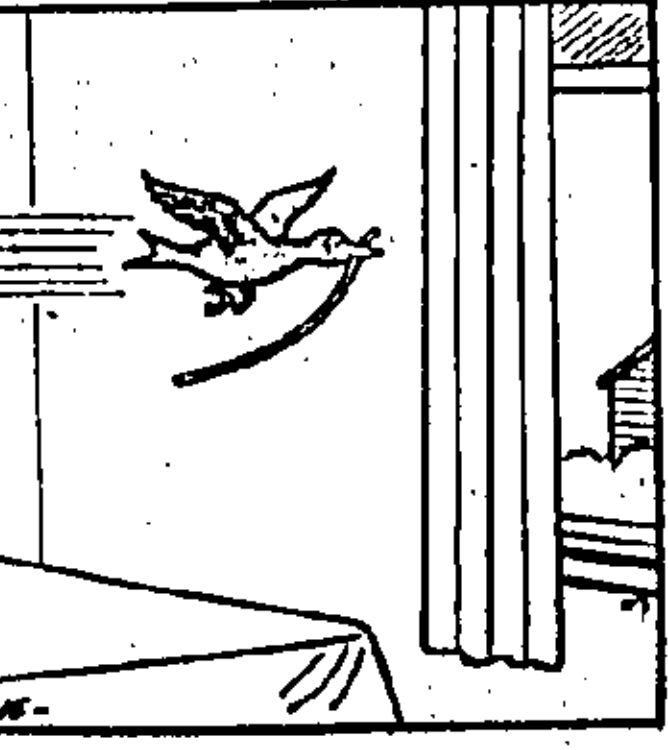
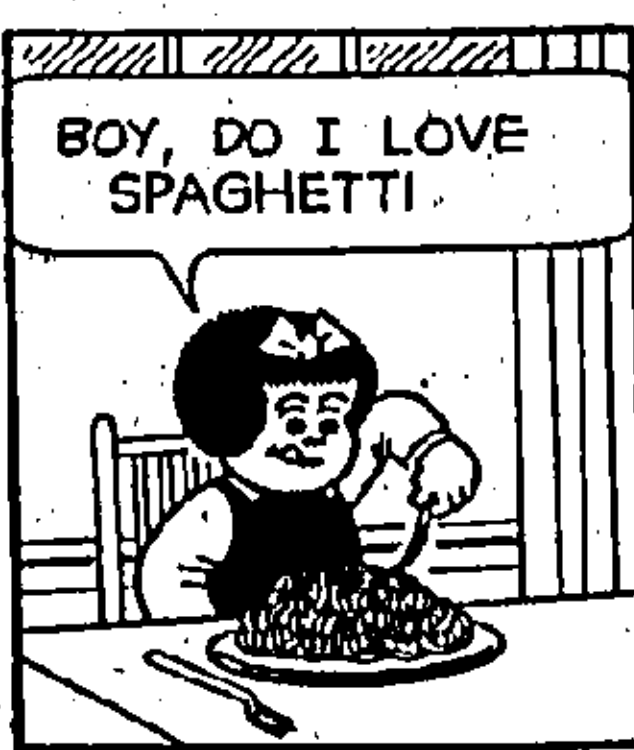


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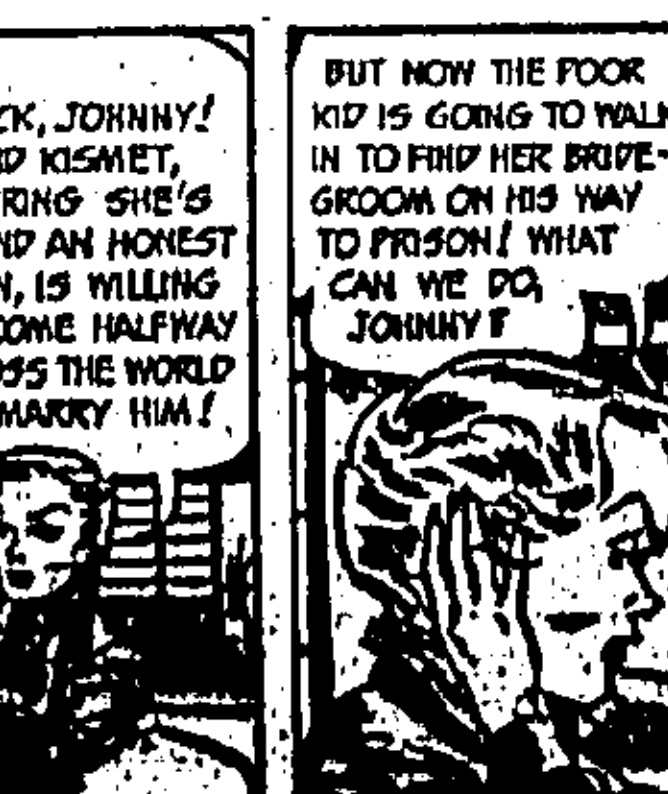
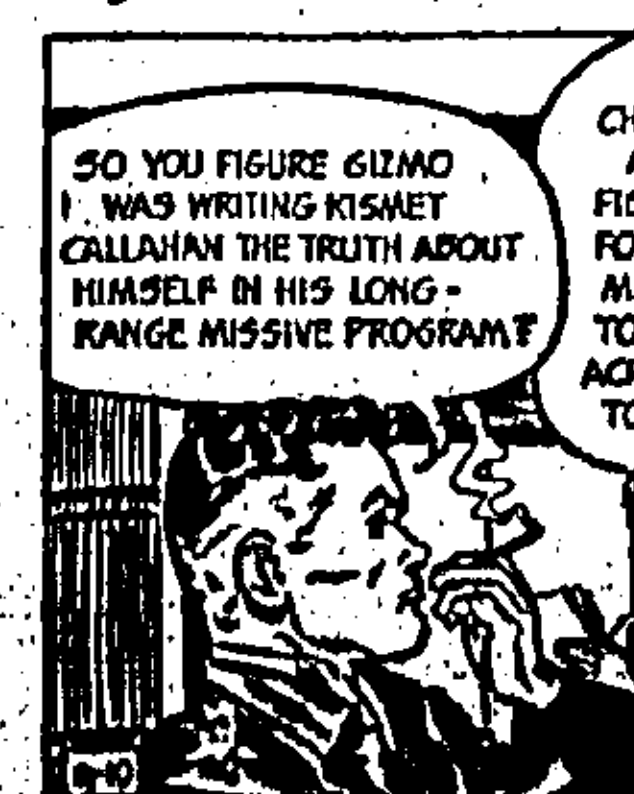
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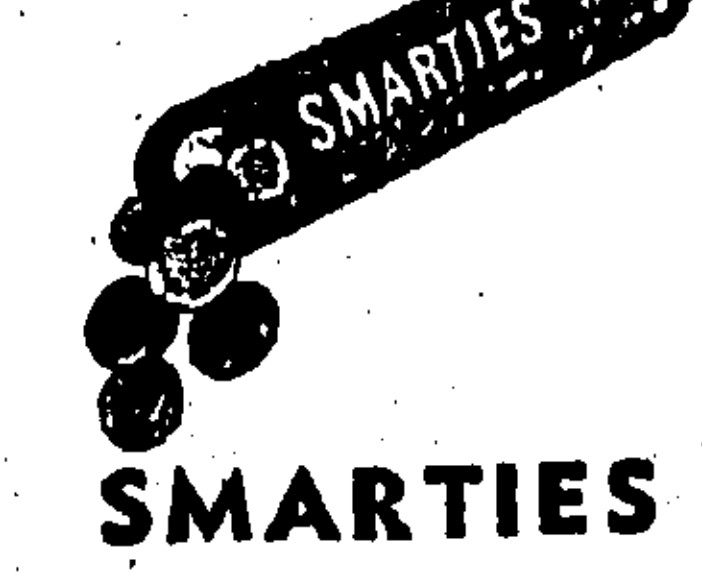
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Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, at 6.00 p.m.

The Draw will be held on the Ground Floor, Public Betting Hall at the Race Course, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, 19th October, 1957.

By Order of the Stewards, PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO. Treasurers.

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Saturday, 19th and Monday, 21st October, 1957

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 22 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. on the 1st Day.

On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon. The Tiffin interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.).

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 10.00 a.m. on the 2nd Day.

### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.

All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road and 382 Nathan Road only on the written introduction of a Member, who will be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72111).

The 6th Floor is restricted to Members and Ladies wearing Lady's Brooches.

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

### SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Pay Out Booths in the Enclosures.

### CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$4.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), and 382 Nathan Road during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on the 1st Day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 18th October will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

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Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Kwangtung Handicap scheduled to be run on 19th October, 1957, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office.

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## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## BAD WEEK FOR ICE HOUSE STREET

Selling Pressure  
Increases?  
NOT ONE GAIN

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Heavy selling in New York, phoney war fears in Syria and impossibly high interest rates here left the Stock Exchange this week without a single gain.

Turnover was up but if there is any conclusion to be drawn from the approximately \$370,000 increase it is that selling pressure is that much greater.

The international situation has also added to the depression. In the Middle East Soviet Russia is now trying its hand at "drinking" and funneling tension to the point of no return. The fact that no one is taking it very seriously does not seem to have made much difference.

And as I pointed out in this column last week, interest rates are now so high that investors on seven and eight per cent can no sense in buying shares yielding six to seven and a half.

It is not surprising therefore that even A.S. Watsons and Dairy Farms, formerly the strongest issues on the market, should join in the general decline.

The only market news I have to pass on this week is that the reason for Dairy Farm's and Watsons' strength is that both are showing improved half year figures and in the case of Dairy Farm, cold storage earnings are picking up.

One of the heaviest falls this week was Green Island Cement which lost another \$1.40 to close at \$28. In addition to general market weakness, intense competition from Japanese and Chinese cement is forcing this stock lower.

Banks dropped \$15, Lombards, 50 cents and Unions, \$2.

## Widespread

With 15 falls (out of 21 listed stocks) on the week, the losses are widespread. The only issues which held steady were those which are not so frequently dealt in, and in many cases, nominal quotes saved them from a lower variation against seller quotes last week.

In today's "25 Years" ago column on the adjoining page there is a reference to the Stock Exchange and the hard times they were going through in 1932.

One broker had perhaps not an entirely novel solution, but one which many will no doubt feel, would be appropriate today:

It was that the Banks should reduce interest rates to four or five per cent.

Our Ice House Street observer reports:

"The Stock Market still lacks any genuine interest with the

result that turnovers were again small amounting in all to approximately \$2,372,000.

"The uncertain trends in New York and London do not assist in lifting our market out of the doldrums, nor do developments in Syria and Turkey.

"Prices have, therefore, been inclined to sag to lower levels but losses have mostly been small. There is little of any note to report on business has been of a hand to mouth nature.

"Dairy Farms have held steady at \$16.10 but Cements lost appreciable ground in small dealings.

"The undertone at the close was hesitant."

Here is a diary of the market this week:

Friday: Market rules steady. Price movements few and small. T/O: \$575,000.

Monday: Quiet conditions. Prices inclined to edge lower. T/O: \$541,000.

Tuesday: Light-scale trading. Further slight recession. T/O: \$441,000.

Wednesday: Stock market dull and featureless. T/O: \$144,000.

Thursday: Market cautious. T/O: \$671,000.

NEW YORK  
SUGAR  
MARKET

New York, Oct. 17.  
World No. 4 sugar futures today closed 7 points lower to 5 points higher with sales of 228 contracts.

The domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 6 points higher with sales of 53 contracts.

Contract No. 4 (world): Jan. 3.37; Mar. 3.72; May 3.72; July 3.73; Sept. 3.72; Oct. 3.70; Mar. 3.45; Spot: 3.40; Interest: 4.50; Open interest: 4,800 contracts.

Contract No. 6 (domestic): Nov. 5.00; Mar. 5.00; May 5.00; July 5.00; Sept. 5.00; Oct. 5.00; Spot: (cents) per lb. 5.00; Interest: 0.70; Open interest: 631 contracts—United Press.

"The Stock Market still lacks any genuine interest with the

## ★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

	Sept 19	Sept 26	Oct 3	Oct 10	Oct 17	Up or Down
HK Bank	80 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	—15
Lombard	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	—10
Union	90	90	90 1/4	91 1/4	91 1/4	—2
Wheelock	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	6 9/16	—200
HK Wharf	122 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2	120 1/2	steady
HK Docks	52	52 1/2	53 1/4	53 1/4	53 1/4	—50
Provident	12 1/2	11 7/8	11 7/8	11 7/8	11 7/8	—30
HK Hotels	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	—50
HK Lands	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	—50
HK Realty	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	—50
HK Trans	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	—20
Star Ferry	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	steady
Yau Ma Tei	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	steady
Ch. Mails	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	—10
Electric	28 1/2	27 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	27 1/2	—40
HK Telephone	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	—40
G.I. Cement	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	27 1/2	—40
Dairy Farm	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	—10
A.S. Watson	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	—10
Yangtze	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	steady
Allied	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	steady
HK & FV Inv	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	steady
Textile Corp	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	steady
Nanyang	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	steady

HONGKONG  
STOCK  
EXCHANGE

## Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$147,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares: Buyers: Sellers: Sales

BANKS: HK Bank: 840: 850: 25: 0: 840

East Asia: 272: 272: 0: 0: 272

INSURANCES: Union: 32 1/2: 100: 0: 32 1/2

SHIPPING: Wharfedale: 34 1/2: 34 1/2: 0: 34 1/2

DOCKERS, ETC.: HK Land: 14 1/2: 14 1/2: 0: 14 1/2

LAND, ETC.: HK Land: 14 1/2: 14 1/2: 0: 14 1/2

RUBBER: Amalgamated: 1,501: 1,525: 100: 0: 1,501

UTILITIES: Tram: 22 1/2: 23: 100: 0: 22 1/2

Electric: Macao: 20 1/2: 21: 100: 0: 20 1/2

INDUSTRIALS: Cement: 14 1/2: 15: 100: 0: 14 1/2

STORES, ETC.: Dairy: 18 1/2: 19: 100: 0: 18 1/2

WATSON: Watson: 18 1/2: 19: 100: 0: 18 1/2

COTTONS: Textiles: 4 1/2: 4 1/2: 7000: 0: 4 1/2

MISCELLANEOUS: HK Land: 14 1/2: 14 1/2: 0: 14 1/2

YANGTZE: Yangtze: 4 1/2: 4 1/2: 0: 4 1/2

Others unchanged—United Press.

New York Metal  
Futures

New York, Oct. 17.

Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Lead: Dec. 12.10; Jan. 12.20; Feb. 12.30; Mar. 12.40; Apr. 12.50; May 12.60; Jun. 12.70; Jul. 12.80; Aug. 12.90; Sep. 13.00; Oct. 13.10; Nov. 13.20; Dec. 13.30.

Copper: Oct. 27.75; Dec. 27.85; Jan. 27.95; Feb. 28.05; Mar. 28.15; Apr. 28.25; May 28.35; Jun. 28.45; Jul. 28.55; Aug. 28.65; Sep. 28.75; Oct. 28.85; Nov. 28.95; Dec. 29.05.

Zinc: Oct. 21.25; Dec. 21.35; Jan. 21.45; Feb. 21.55; Mar. 21.65; Apr. 21.75; May 21.85; Jun. 21.95; Jul. 22.05; Aug. 22.15; Sep. 22.25; Oct. 22.35; Nov. 22.45; Dec. 22.55.

Others unchanged—United Press.

Prices of metals closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

Tin spot: 70; 3-month: 72 1/2; 6-month: 74 1/2; 9-month: 76 1/2; 12-month: 78 1/2.

Copper spot: 18 1/2; 3-month: 18 1/2; 6-month: 18 1/2; 9-month: 18 1/2; 12-month: 18 1/2.

Lead spot: 8 1/2; 3-month: 8 1/2; 6-month: 8 1/2; 9-month: 8 1/2; 12-month: 8 1/2.

Zinc spot: 6 1/2; 3-month: 6 1/2; 6-month: 6 1/2; 9-month: 6 1/2; 12-month: 6 1/2.

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Others unchanged—United Press.

FREE TRADE AREA  
TO BE SET UP  
Oeec Resolution Approved

Paris, Oct. 17.

The Council of the 17-nation Organisation for European Economic Co-operation tonight unanimously approved a resolution to create a vast free trade area embracing all member countries and associated with the six-nation common market.

It also decided to set up a special inter-governmental committee to draft to negotiate and to draft a free trade area treaty.

Mr. Joseph Beem, Prime Minister of Luxembourg, told Reuters that the ministerial committee would hold its first meeting tomorrow morning under the chairmanship of Mr. Reginald Maudling, British Paymaster General.

Wonderful

Dr. Leopold Figl, Austrian Foreign Minister said as he left the council chamber, "It is wonderful to say that we have reached full agreement on a very slightly amended resolution."

The resolution was approved at the end of a two-day meeting of the Oeec council, under the chairmanship of Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, to discuss Britain's proposal for the free trade area.

This afternoon Mr. Thorneycroft suspended the session for half an hour in the face of what delegates called "a rising tide of amendment"—not on the desirability of the free trade area itself but on details on the draft resolution—Reuters.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

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MARKET

New York, Oct. 17.  
Cotton futures firmed at the close today after trading on the downside the rest of the session.

The market slipped at the outset as somewhat less covering induced New Orleans and local selling for a reaction, and held on the defensive until half before the close.

Month: Volume: Open interest:

Dec. 41,000: 202,200: 202,200

Mar. 21,000: 207,200: 207,200

May 20,000: 210,000: 210,000

Jul. 13,000: 118,500: 118,500

Sep. 19,000: 104,500: 104,500

Nov. 1,300: 30,700: 30,700

Dec. 1,400: 4,000: 4,000

Total: 122,400: 890,000: 890,000

—United Press.

NEW ORLEANS PRICES

New Orleans, Oct. 17.

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

Spot: 32.25; Oct. expired: Dec. 31.50; Mar. 31.75; May 31.85; Jul. 31.95; Sep. 32.05; Nov. 32.15; Dec. 32.25.

Others unchanged—United Press.

LIVERPOOL PRICES

Liverpool, Oct. 17.

Cotton futures closings, in pence per lb. were as follows:

Old contract: Oct/Nov: 25.17; Dec/Jan: 25.30; Mar/Apr: 25.44; May/June: 25.57; Jul/Aug: 25.70; Sep/Oct: 25.83; Nov/Dec: 25.96; Jan/Feb: 26.09; Mar/Apr: 26.22; May/June: 26.35; Jul/Aug: 26.48; Sep/Oct: 26.61; Nov/Dec: 26.74; Jan/Feb: 26.87; Mar/Apr: 27.00; May/June: 27.13; Jul/Aug: 27.26; Sep/Oct: 27.39; Nov/Dec: 27.52; Jan/Feb: 27.65; Mar/Apr: 27.78; May/June: 27.91; Jul/Aug: 28.04; Sep/Oct: 28.17; Nov/Dec: 28.30; Jan/Feb: 28.43; Mar/Apr: 28.56; May/June: 28.69; Jul/Aug: 28.82; Sep/Oct: 28.95; Nov/Dec: 29.08; Jan/Feb: 29.21; Mar/Apr: 29.34; May/June: 29.47; Jul/Aug: 29.60; Sep/Oct: 29.73; Nov/Dec: 29.86; Jan/Feb: 29.99; Mar/Apr: 30.12; May/June: 30.25; Jul/Aug: 30.38; Sep/Oct: 30.51; Nov/Dec: 30.64; Jan/Feb: 30.77; Mar/Apr: 30.90; May/June: 31.03; Jul/Aug: 31.16; Sep/Oct: 31.29; Nov/Dec: 31.42; Jan/Feb: 31.55; Mar/Apr: 31.68; May/June: 31.81; Jul/Aug: 31.94; Sep/Oct: 32.07; Nov/Dec: 32.20; Jan/Feb: 32.33; Mar/Apr: 32.46; May/June: 32.59; Jul/Aug: 32.72; Sep/Oct: 32.85; Nov/Dec: 32.98; Jan/Feb: 33.11; Mar/Apr: 33.24; May/June: 33.37; Jul/Aug: 33.50; Sep/Oct: 33.63; Nov/Dec: 33.76; Jan/Feb: 33.89; Mar/Apr: 34.02; May/June: 34.15; Jul/Aug: 34.28; Sep/Oct: 34.41; Nov/Dec: 34.54; Jan/Feb: 34.67; Mar/Apr: 34.80; May/June: 34.93; Jul/Aug: 35.06; Sep/Oct: 35.19; Nov/Dec: 35.32; Jan/Feb: 35.45; Mar/Apr: 35.58; May/June: 35.71; Jul/Aug: 35.84; Sep/Oct: 35.97; Nov/Dec: 36.10; Jan/Feb: 36.23; Mar/Apr: 36.36; May/June: 36.49; Jul/Aug: 36.62; Sep/Oct: 36.75; Nov/Dec: 36.88; Jan/Feb: 37.01; Mar/Apr: 37.14; May/June: 37.27; Jul/Aug: 37.40; Sep/Oct: 37.53; Nov/Dec: 37.66; Jan/Feb: 37.79; Mar/Apr: 37.92; May/June: 38.05; Jul/Aug: 38.18; Sep/Oct: 38.31; Nov/Dec: 38.44; Jan/Feb: 38.57; Mar/Apr: 38.70; May/June: 38.83; Jul/Aug: 38.96; Sep/Oct: 39.09; Nov/Dec: 39.22; Jan/Feb: 39.35; Mar/Apr: 39.48; May/June: 39.61; Jul/Aug: 39.74; Sep/Oct: 39.87; Nov/Dec: 40.00; Jan/Feb: 40.13; Mar/Apr: 40.26; May/June: 40.39; Jul/Aug: 40.52; Sep/Oct: 40.65; Nov/Dec: 40.78; Jan/Feb: 40.91; Mar/Apr: 41.04; May/June: 41.17; Jul/Aug: 41.30; Sep/Oct: 41.43; Nov/Dec: 41.56; Jan/Feb: 41.69; Mar/Apr: 41.82; May/June: 41.95; Jul/Aug: 42.08; Sep/Oct: 42.21; Nov/Dec: 42.34; Jan/Feb: 42.47; Mar/Apr: 42.60; May/June: 42.73; Jul/Aug: 42.86; Sep/Oct: 42.99; Nov/Dec: 43.12; Jan/Feb: 43.25; Mar/Apr: 43.38; May/June: 43.51; Jul/Aug: 43.64; Sep/Oct: 43.77; Nov/Dec: 43.90; Jan/Feb: 44.03; Mar/Apr: 44.16; May/June: 44.29; Jul/Aug: 44.42; Sep/Oct: 44.55; Nov/Dec: 44.68; Jan/Feb: 44.81; Mar/Apr: 44.94; May/June: 45.07; Jul/Aug: 45.20; Sep/Oct: 45.33; Nov/Dec: 45.46; Jan/Feb: 45.59; Mar/Apr: 45.72; May/June: 45.85; Jul/Aug: 45.98; Sep/Oct: 46.11; Nov/Dec: 46.24; Jan/Feb: 46.37; Mar/Apr: 46.50; May/June: 46.63; Jul/Aug: 46.76; Sep/Oct: 46.89; Nov/Dec: 47.02; Jan/Feb: 47.15; Mar/Apr: 47.28; May/June: 47.41; Jul/Aug: 47.54; Sep/Oct: 47.67; Nov/Dec: 47.80; Jan/Feb: 47.93; Mar/Apr: 48.06; May/June: 48.19; Jul/Aug: 48.32; Sep/Oct: 48.45; Nov/Dec: 48.58; Jan/Feb: 48.71; Mar/Apr: 48.84; May/June: 48.97; Jul/Aug: 49.10; Sep/Oct: 49.23; Nov/Dec: 49.36; Jan/Feb: 49.49; Mar/Apr: 49.62; May/June: 49.75; Jul/Aug: 49.88; Sep/Oct: 50.01; Nov/Dec: 50.14; Jan/Feb: 50.27; Mar/Apr: 50.40; May/June: 50.53; Jul/Aug: 50.66; Sep/Oct: 50.79; Nov/Dec: 50.92; Jan/Feb: 51.05; Mar/Apr: 51.18; May/June: 51.31; Jul/Aug: 51.44; Sep/Oct: 51.57; Nov/Dec: 51.70; Jan/Feb: 51.83; Mar/Apr: 51.96; May/June: 52.09; Jul/Aug: 52.22; Sep/Oct: 52.35; Nov/Dec: 52.48; Jan/Feb: 52.61; Mar/Apr: 52.74; May/June: 52.87; Jul/Aug: 53.00; Sep/Oct: 53.13; Nov/Dec: 53.26; Jan/Feb: 53.39; Mar/Apr: 53.52; May/June: 53.65; Jul/Aug: 53.78; Sep/Oct: 53.91; Nov/Dec: 54.04; Jan/Feb: 54.17; Mar/Apr: 54.30; May/June: 54.43; Jul/Aug: 54.56; Sep/Oct: 54.69; Nov/Dec: 54.82; Jan/Feb: 54.95; Mar/Apr: 55.08; May/June: 55.21; Jul/Aug: 55.34; Sep/Oct: 55.47; Nov/Dec: 55.60; Jan/Feb: 55.73; Mar/Apr: 55.86; May/June: 55.99; Jul/Aug: 56.12; Sep/Oct: 56.25; Nov/Dec: 56.38; Jan/Feb: 56.51; Mar/Apr: 56.64; May/June: 56.77; Jul/Aug: 56.90; Sep/Oct: 57.03; Nov/Dec: 57.16; Jan/Feb: 57.29; Mar/Apr: 57.42; May/June: 57.55; Jul/Aug: 57.68; Sep/Oct: 57.81; Nov/Dec: 57.94; Jan/Feb: 58.07; Mar/Apr: 58.20; May/June: 58.33; Jul/Aug: 58.46; Sep/Oct: 58.59; Nov/Dec: 58.72; Jan/Feb: 58.85; Mar/Apr: 58.98; May/June: 59.11; Jul/Aug: 59.24; Sep/Oct: 59.37; Nov/Dec: 59.50; Jan/Feb: 59.63; Mar/Apr: 59.76; May/June: 59.89; Jul/Aug: 60.02; Sep/O



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## GROWING CONFIDENCE IN HK

### Mr George Marden's Bid To Correct Misapprehensions

San Francisco, Oct. 17. Mr George E. Marden, said today the attitude of free world investors towards Hongkong, "has very definitely improved over the last year or so."



Mr Marden said this at the International Industrial Development Conference here. More than 500 business and investment leaders from 52 countries are attending the week-long conference aimed at increasing the flow of capital throughout the free world.

It is sponsored by Time-Life International and the Standard Research Institute.

Mr Marden said he and the other Hongkong delegate, Mr P. Y. Tang, (Governing Director of the South Sea Textile Manufacturing Co. Ltd.), "are seeking to correct some misapprehensions about Hongkong."

"The major one is that we are about to be overrun by the Communists. This is a ludicrous misconception."

Mr Marden said that in the years immediately following the Korean war some foreign investors had the feeling that Hongkong was "irretrievably lost to the free world."

"Now I find this feeling has worn very thin. It is held by only a very few people. The attitude of foreign investors toward Hongkong has very definitely improved over the last year or so,"—United Press.

### PRIZES AWARDED AT KING GEORGE V



Colonel Owen-Hughes presents a prize to Miss Gwen Knowles in the prize-giving ceremony at King George V School today. — China Mail Photo.

### Colonel Owen-Hughes's Advice To Students

Courtesy, that element that is compounded of understanding, tolerance and gentleness is a very essential virtue for harmony among a gathering of many nationalities, said Col. H. Owen-Hughes, Chairman of the Parent-Teacher Association of the King George V School today.

He was speaking at the annual Speech Day of the school, following an address by the School Principal.

He asked the students to be courteous to one another. He reminded them that they

comprised 10 different nationalities.

There was a large gathering of parents and friends of the students this morning and the school hall was full.

Mr C. J. G. Lowe, the Principal, after thanking the as-

sistance given him by the Parent-Teacher Association, said the school had done quite well last year.

"But a school cannot stand still," Mr Lowe said. "It must maintain progress. To obtain the healthy climate necessary for this a 100 per cent support of parents — and indeed the community — is vital."

"The school, in academic standards, discipline and that essential all-round responsiveness of pupils, compared very favourably with other schools of equivalent status at home and abroad," Mr Lowe said.



### DE LA RUE DIRECTOR ARRIVES IN COLONY

Mr Graham Martin-Turner, Director of Overseas Sales, of Thomas De La Rue and Co. Ltd., arrived on a tour of the Far East at Kai Tak this morning. Mr Martin-Turner, was met by Mr W. Fowler (left), Far Eastern representative of the company, and Mr T. L. Long, the agent in Hongkong.—China Mail Photo.

### MAN CHARGED WITH FALSE PRETENCES

### Not Guilty Plea

A 32-year-old insurance broker, Ip Kam-hung, alias K.H. Ip, alias K.H. Yip, of 827 King's Road, fourth floor, pleaded not guilty to 11 counts of obtaining valuable securities, chattels and credits by false pretences at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

He was remanded by Mr Justice A.D. Scholtes for dates to be fixed for hearing.

The 11 counts alleged that Ip on April 2 and 3 this year obtained by false pretences from the Hong Seng Bank, the Wing Lung Bank and from an exchange broker, Mr J. A. de V. Scars, securities, credits and chattels to the total value of US\$73,800.40.

Mr Richard Winter, instructed by Peter Mo & Co., represented the defendant. Mr D. E. Greenfield, crown counsel appeared for the prosecution.

### PROMOTIONS

The promotion of the following officers of the Hongkong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve was announced in today's Government Gazette:—Lt J. B. Hart to Lt-Commander; Lt A. J. Bowden, Lt K. Milburn, Lt F. E. Wellstead to be acting Lt-Commanders; Sub-Lt D. A. Hussey, acting Sub-Lt N. A. S. Mills, Sub-Lt Morley-John and Sub-Lt A. G. Inglis to be Lieutenants; Mr D. E. McKenna was confirmed as Sub-Lt with original seniority of October 15, 1956.

In the Special Constabulary Force, Mr E. C. Van Helden, Senior Superintendent of Police (S) ceased to act as Commandant on resumption of duty of Mr Turner.

The Government Gazette also announced that Captain M.E. Dainton of the Force Headquarters, Royal Hongkong Defence Force, had been permitted to resign her commission in the Hongkong Women's Auxiliary Army Corps.

### \$35,000 Raised

More than \$35,000 has already been raised towards the free evening schools and refectory roller sponsored by the Hongkong Chinese Women's Club by the Ball Committee of the Annual Charity Ball to be held tonight.

His Excellency Sir Alexander Grantham and Lady Grantham will attend the Ball in the company of Mrs F. I. Tsung, Club Chairman, Mrs Mathilde Ng, Ball Chairman and Mrs Li Shu-pul, President of the Club.

### Government Appointments Gazetted

The following appointments, transfers, promotions and postings were announced in today's Government Gazette:

Mr Douglas Munro Corbett to be Senior Veterinary Officer as from August 22 on transfer from Tanganyika; Mr J. M. Riddell-Swan ceased to act as Senior Veterinary Officer on appointment of Mr Corbett; Mr R. Ingram Senior Executive Officer, Class I was appointed Principal Accountant in the Education Department and Mr Ujagar Singh ceased to act as the Principal Accountant.

Mr H. D. Miller and J. W. Hoyer, Cadet Officers, Class II, to be District Officers, South, in the New Territories Administration. The same two officers were also appointed to be Assistant Collectors of Stamp Revenue. Mr A. P. Richardson, Cadet Officer, Class II, ceased to be a District Officer, South, and an Assistant Collector of Stamp Revenue as from October 18. Mrs Ting Cheng Sul-chen to be Acting Principal Almoner during the absence of Miss Benham.

Captain D.C. Sim ceased to be a member of the Board of Examiners for Pilots' Licences as from October 14 upon the return of Captain G.R. Torrible.

### STOP PRESS

### BOAT SEIZED

Manila, Oct. 18. A Formosan fishing boat with 13 crew members aboard was seized off Pangutaran Island, Southern Philippines, by a Philippine Navy patrol last night, the Philippine News Service reported today.

The Taiwan ship, the Kim Swee Wat, left Taiwan on September 11. The captain said he and his men fished in the Celebes Sea and while returning to Taiwan decided to enter Philippine waters. —France-Press.

### Hongkong To Send Two Delegates To Crime Prevention Conference

Hongkong is sending two representatives to a United Nations seminar on crime prevention and treatment of offenders next month, it was learned officially today.

The two representatives are the Commissioner for Prisons, Mr C. J. Norman and Mr P. H. Hare, Assistant Social Welfare Officer (Probation).

According to a United Press Cable from Tokyo today, about 100 crime prevention experts will meet at the seminar.

It will be held in the Japanese capital from Nov. 25 to Dec. 7. Members will include specialists from 21 countries in Asia and observers from UN agencies and private organisations.

### The Agenda

The agenda includes: Measures to prevent juvenile delinquency; White slavery and prostitution; Prison labour and its relation to the national economy; and Minimum standards of prisoner treatment.

The seminar will also consider implementation of recommendations of the first UN congress convened in Geneva in 1955 on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders.

Also it will discuss the role of the UN technical assistance in the field of social defence and the establishment of an institute for training and research in respect to the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders in the Asian region.

### Dollar Smuggling Check

Manila, Oct. 18. The Philippine Government yesterday started rigid surveillance of Filipino travellers to Hongkong and Japan as reports of rampant dollar smuggling were confirmed by the Foreign Affairs Department.

The smuggling of U.S. dollars and Philippine currency out of the Philippines was exposed in a report to the Home Office by the Ambassador to Japan, Felino Neri.

The Central Bank also reinforced import control regulations with respect to the outflow of United States dollars.—France-Press.

### To Be Struck Off

The Industrial and Commercial Trading Co. Ltd., will be struck off the register of companies at the end of three months as from October 18, unless cause is shown to the contrary, according to today's Government Gazette.

### Big Land Sale In Kowloon

About 12,240 square feet of land in Nathan Road will be sold at a public auction on Monday week.

The upset price is fixed at \$1,336,000 for the lot, or about \$109 per square foot. The annual Crown rent will be \$342.

A condition of sale is that the successful purchaser is required to spend \$2 million on rateable improvements, spread over 24 months.

The lease term is for 75 years with the option of renewal for one further term of 75 years at a re-assessed rent.

### Front Wheels Stolen

Both front wheels were stolen from a private car parked in Wong Nei Chong Road last night.

### Contractors' Register

The Government Gazette announced today that the following contractors had been included in the Contractors' Register by the Building Authority:—Chan Tao of 29, Cedar Street, third floor; Hongkong Decorating and Construction Co. of 165, Lockhart Road; Hongkong Realty and Trust Co. Ltd. of 701, Edinburgh House; Nan Leong Construction Co. of 42, Connaught Road, Central; U. Hop Construction Co. of 407, Chatham Road, third floor; United Construction Co. of 229, Tung Choi Street, third floor and Yue Hing of 161A, Prince Edward Road, first floor.

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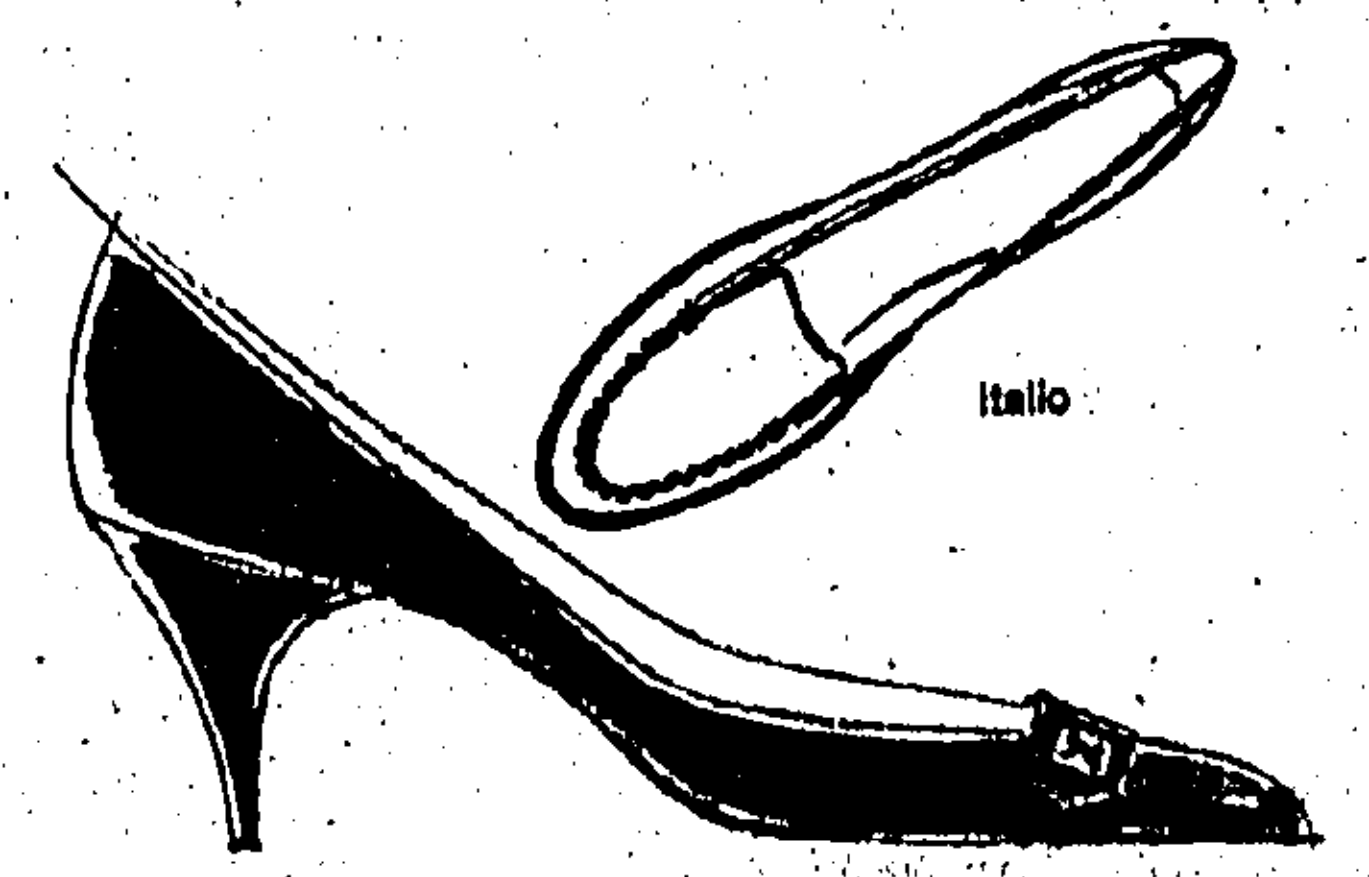
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